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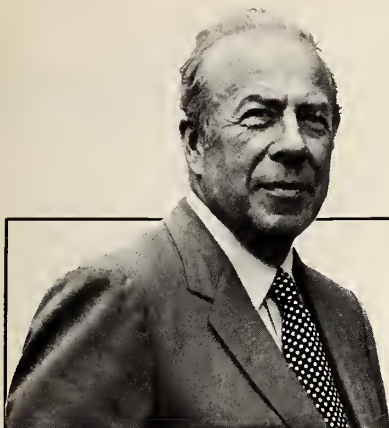
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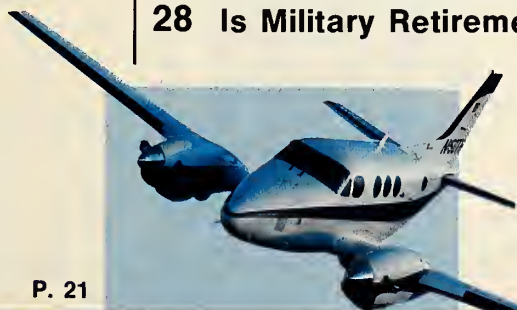
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Nuclear Freeze

"The Great Nuclear Freeze Trap," by Brian Crozier (January) was a great article. I agree that these "freeze" campaigns are Soviet-inspired "red herrings" to delude people into lowering their defenses. They would return our nation to pre-Pearl Harbor days, too weak to fight, and would place a Trojan horse in Western Europe.

*Glenn H. Haefs  
CWO, USA-Ret.  
Ashland, Wis.*

□ I wish the article could be "must" reading for church bishops who reject a duly elected President's reality and give their blessings to a Soviet dictator's deceit. One might think that these religious leaders would have their hands and minds full with the task of saving souls. In my view, the proliferation of sin in our country is a greater threat to the future of democracy, freedom and our way of life than the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

*Marvin Wahlert  
Williams, Iowa*

□ An article as biased as this one needs instant reply. I fear the author sees a Commie behind every tree. He sounds so much like the late Sen. Joe McCarthy, whose methods proved appallingly un-American. We need to remember that a propaganda system works both ways. I think the free-thinking American population needs to face the realities of a nuclear war. A nuclear freeze is a needed idea whose time is long overdue.

*Edward Mulvaney  
Rock Falls, Ill.*

□ Brian Crozier's article would lead one to think that "peace" is becoming a dirty word that has no place in the vocabulary of the Legion. Our organization is supposed to be composed of men and women who served our country in time of war, who are certainly qualified to know at first hand the horrors and idiocy of war. We certainly should not be advocating the waste of our resources in a senseless buildup of military power that can lead only to the use of that power, by accident or

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intent. The American Legion, aided by its Magazine, can become a driving force for the peace that most people desire, but it must give up the obsession that everyone who speaks out for peace is either a Communist or a dupe.

*Harold E. Sleight  
USAF Ret.  
Washougal, Wash.*

□ We who remember [British Prime Minister Neville] Chamberlain's "peace in our time" era must speak out, lest we allow a unilateral false peace movement to lead us again to the brink of Armageddon.

*David A. Garrison  
Warminster, Pa.*

### Red Ball

Concerning "Gangway! For The Red Ball Express!" (January): I was in command of the 399th QM Truck Company at that time and attended the meeting in Carentan on Aug. 23, 1944, when the decision was made to begin the Red Ball Express. My company started our first trip on the night of Aug. 24, so we were one of the first on the route. Thanks for this article; it was factual and interesting.

*Eugene F. Gidel  
Amarillo, Texas*

### Economic Readjustment

In response to "Legion Supports Economic Readjustment Legislation Affecting Veterans" (January), a very important paragraph was omitted, as follows: "An employer to be eligible for the program must offer the veteran employment and training in an occupation in a growth industry—one requiring the use of new technological skills, or for which the demand exceeds the supply. The training must be for a period of not less than six months and the employer must plan to employ the participating veteran upon completion of the training period in the position for which trained. Further, the employer must expect the position to be available on a stable and permanent basis."

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*Michael Radke  
Black River Falls, Wis.*

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# The Vote: America's Precious Heritage

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In those 15 words, the man—Thomas Jefferson—set in motion what since has been termed the "Magnificent Experiment": a nation dedicated to the right of the citizen to choose his leaders. Now, in 1984, Americans once again can demonstrate to the world the success of that experiment beyond even its most visionary founders' wildest dreams.

For, in this year, we once again will choose a President. Unlike the USSR, where the average citizen had no say whatever in Konstantin Chernenko's succession to the office held by the late Yuri Andropov, Americans invite the world to watch as we acquaint ourselves with the issues and participate in the democratic process.

The right to cast a ballot is not to be taken lightly. We who put our lives on the line to defend it also have a commensurate responsibility to exercise that right, and to educate others—particularly our youth—in the responsibilities that American citizenship confers.

Fortunately, Americans are feeling better about themselves these days. Instead of a national lethargy brought on by severe economic straits, a renewed spirit of Americanism is sweeping the land, a renewed sense of pride that offers fertile soil for the Legion's "Get Out The Vote" efforts.

As early as the 1920s, Legionnaires in their communities were aiding registration efforts in non-partisan programs all across the country. In 1955 and 1956, Post 68 in Narrows, Va., sponsored a highly successful "Get Out The Vote" campaign. Since then, the Legion has published brochures encouraging just that. Our "Get Out The Vote" kits include brochures, proposed newspaper, television and radio



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***"We must offer our fellow citizens a 'do as I do' example . . ."***

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releases and other suggestions all designed to get more Americans to exercise this privilege.

Some citizens ignore their franchise, in the belief that the "one person, one vote" concept has been outmoded by entrenched bureaucracy. We know that's not true, and we owe it to ourselves and to our countrymen to persuade them to participate actively in the process that American veterans of every generation have struggled to establish and defend.

The best way to lead is by example. A successful voter-registration campaign is only one method of helping to make our leaders responsive to their constituencies. Continuing to inform ourselves about the many legislative issues in which the Legion is involved is another. And communicating our

views to others is equally essential.

That's why Legionnaire participation is so important. As dedicated volunteers working to get even more people to participate, Legionnaires are offering a personal testimony of their continued commitment to country. We must carry on in our efforts to turn the tide against voter apathy. To help do that, we must offer our fellow citizens a 'do as I do' example and not a 'do as I say' preachment.

Educating ourselves and our children in the workings of our government is a responsibility we dare not shirk. Indeed, we Legionnaires believe so strongly in our responsibility to our youth that we designed two activities specifically to help young people achieve a better understanding of government. By the end of this month, we will have crowned our 47th National Oratorical Champion; soon, we will hold our 39th Boys Nation. We cannot overemphasize the value of these activities in building character and an understanding of the workings of our form of government.

Without such an understanding, our youth will be incapable of preserving the heritage of justice and liberty, incapable of making informed decisions, incapable of casting their ballots in America's best interests.

How better can we demonstrate to all Americans our commitment to the democratic process we honor than by encouraging a record voter turnout, communicating our views to our fellow citizens and elected representatives, and educating our young people in the responsibilities of citizenship?

The US has remained free because patriotic Americans have worked diligently to keep it that way. In the Presidential election year of 1984, it is our prime duty and responsibility to rekindle throughout the nation the flame of independence, self-reliance and citizenship that flared into radiance on Thomas Jefferson's writing table so long ago. □



# Lady Plugs In Zoysia Grass Saves Time, Work & Money

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By Jack T. Johnson  
Agronomist



Every year I watch people pour time and money into lawns that fail them just when they want their lawns the most.

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In comparison, I'm always happy to get letters from people who have plugged in my Amazoy Zoysia Grass, because they write to tell me how beautiful their lawns are even in midsummer heat and drought.

### "MOWED IT 2 TIMES," WRITES WOMAN

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## Arms Pact: How Far Can We Trust The Russians?

Inasmuch as the Soviet Union says no to US proposals for on-site inspection for nuclear and arms-reduction agreements, verification becomes a difficult and tricky business. Again and again, the question has been raised: How far can we trust the Russians?

President Reagan now has publicly disclosed that, as the administration sees it, the USSR has violated arms control agreements at least four times for certain, and probably three other times as well. In a report to Congress, he cited the following violations:

- The Soviets manufactured toxic weapons and made them available to the Red forces in Laos, Cambodia and Afghanistan, flouting the Geneva Protocol of 1925 and the Biological and Toxic Weapons Convention of 1972.

- The Russian military carried out maneuvers in 1981 involving more than 25,000 troops, but failed to give adequate notice, as required by the 1975 Helsinki pact on security and cooperation in Europe.

- A special type of radar has been erected in Russia, in violation of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

- The USSR has encoded its missile test flight signals to prevent US monitoring, which is regarded as a violation of the strategic arms agreement of 1972, even though this pact was not ratified by the US.

The "probable" violations list includes developing two new missiles, instead of one; redeployment of the big, mobile SS16 missile and underground atomic testing.

All of this double-dealing, Reagan says, raises doubt "about the reliability of the USSR as a negotiating partner, and thus damages the chances for establishing a more constructive US-Soviet relationship."

To be sure, the Soviets have counter-charged violations by the US, which our government vehemently denies.

## How The White House Views The Kremlin

In the confusion of national debate over US military aid to foreign countries, it may help to know how the White House views the Kremlin. In essence, the Reagan administration believes that the Soviet Union is an expansionist power, that the projection of Soviet power is a threat to Western nations and that the West is fundamentally reactive and defensive, rather than active and offensive.

This view was expressed in an unpublicized speech by Noel C. Koch, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs.

The White House, Koch said, is prepared to thwart Russia and her allies by providing other nations the means to defend themselves, rather than by going to war ourselves. That's why, he said, the US has given military aid to Thailand against the threat from Vietnam, which has overrun neighboring Laos and Kampuchea. That, too, is why we are

providing military aid to El Salvador and Honduras against the threat from Nicaragua, which has amassed the largest military force in Latin America.

For its aid, the US does not demand acquiescence to all our interests (as do the Russians), said Koch, adding: "We have no difficulty with the concept of non-alignment or neutrality, noting that, while there are many neutral countries in the free world, there are none in the Communist world."

## USSR Asks Bering Strait Border Demarcation

While the Soviet Union continues to rebuff US overtures to a resumption of arms limitation talks, it also seems eager to reach agreement with us on the exact location of the international boundary between two islands in the Bering Strait separating Alaska and Siberia. At stake are oil-drilling rights for both nations. The border lies somewhere within a two-mile stretch of water separating Big Diomedé (USSR) and Little Diomedé (US) islands in the strait—and Russia, it seems, wants to avoid a rhubarb over which nation can drill where.

## Western Alliance Strong, But Facing New Strains

During the past year, the US and its European allies have come through a major crisis in relatively good shape. Despite the efforts of the "peaceniks," anti-American and pro-Communist opposition, allied governments have welcomed the latest generation of American missiles onto their soil as an integral part of their defenses. As a result, our national security system—and theirs—is stronger than ever, notwithstanding the peace-at-any-price advocates.

The US and free Europe are confronted with new strains in 1984, especially because this is an election year in the US. The tension stems from trade regulations and restrictions. US actions to defend its industries from an onslaught of imports from friendly countries are seen by Europe as protectionism. European actions to stimulate their exports to the US are seen by our government as dumping of cheap goods in our domestic market and unfair competition.

The strains are compounded because our European allies are battling among themselves and Japan over their own trade and economic difficulties.

## Quote Of The Month

"The Soviet Union has great military might. We are capable of meeting any challenge effectively . . . We are not seeking military superiority, of course, but we will not concede to any nation gaining such superiority over us."

Konstantin U. Chernenko  
General Secretary of the Communist Party







# Should Tax Indexing Be Repealed?

Rep. James R. Jones, D-Okla.

The US faces a budgetary crisis that the Reagan administration and Congress appear unwilling to resolve until after the 1984 elections. The federal deficit—\$58 billion in 1981, the last Carter year—reached \$195 billion in the 1983 fiscal year just finished. Under current policies, including the administration's defense program and, in spite of a projection of continued growth, the deficit would stay around \$200 billion in 1984-85 and then rise to the \$250-300 billion range in the 1980s. Even this dismal outlook may be optimistic.

This grim budget outlook has now produced catatonia, in which both political parties appear unwilling to be first in proposing the tough and unpopular actions needed to resolve the crisis. In response to this stalemate, I introduced H.R. 3790 on Aug. 4, 1983, with Rep. Carroll Campbell, R.-S.C. The proposal has 30 additional co-sponsors, equally divided between Democrats and Republicans.

This proposal would take a major first step toward restoring control over the budget by temporarily reducing the indexing for inflation of certain benefit programs and individual income taxes. This indexing, written into current law, causes spending for these programs to grow automatically, and after 1985 will cause automatic reductions in tax revenues. Specifically, H.R. 3790 would reduce by 2 percent for 1985-1990 the size of the annual cost-of-living adjustments to the benefits in non-means tested entitlement programs. On the tax side, the annual adjustment of tax brackets, personal exemptions and the standard deduction in the individual income tax, now scheduled to begin in 1985, would also be reduced by 2 percent.

I recognize that H.R. 3790 is no panacea. Any proposal will have some disadvantages, and there are many other approaches to indexing reform, some of which may have advantages over this proposal. I do not offer "CPI minus 2" as the final answer, but as a starting point to open the debate on indexing reform and to break the dangerous stalemate on budget policy. This approach can form a major part—but not the only part—of an overall deficit reduction program to restore control over the budget.

Indexing will be a small comfort if huge deficits throw us back into recession. A temporary delay in indexing will be a small price to pay for a sustained recovery. □

**YES**



Rep. William M. Thomas, R-Calif.



**NO** Tax indexing, scheduled to begin in 1985, is the fairest piece of tax reform that Congress has enacted in a long time, but it's in danger of being repealed before it ever takes effect.

Indexing income tax rates, the zero bracket amount and the standard deduction against inflation will protect the average taxpayer from having a cost-of-living raise eaten up by higher taxes.

What is wrong with returning people's earning power by ending the inflation tax windfall to government? For one thing, it would "cost" the government too much in revenues, say those in Congress who oppose indexing. They claim indexing will add to the deficit, or that it's a tax break for the rich. But their real problem with indexing is that they won't be able to perpetuate backdoor tax increases brought by inflation.

Repealing indexing won't help the deficit. Anyone who has watched Congress for very long knows that Congress isn't going to use new taxes to reduce the deficit; it will simply spend them.

If indexing is repealed, the middle-income and the working poor among taxpayers will suffer, because indexing would give them the most tax relief. In fact, without indexing, the tax liability of the lowest-earning Americans would increase 10 times as much in one year as it would for the top-income bracket. What is fair about that?

Another claim made against indexing is that it will somehow "insulate" taxpayers from inflation and, therefore, remove the incentive to hold down inflation. Anyone who believes that is looking at things upside down. The federal government, not taxpayers, has the means to control inflation. Without tax indexing, the government has no incentive to hold down inflation, because inflation brings unlegislated tax increases into the treasury.

Is it fair that the federal government gains from inflation at the expense of those American working men and women least able to pay? Is it fair that these people must now pay tax rates once reserved for the rich? Is it fair that Congress can raise taxes without recording a vote? Of course not.

If Congress repeals tax indexing, it will overturn one of the fairest tax reforms in recent history. The average taxpayer needs a break and he got it when indexing was enacted in 1981. Congress shouldn't take it away. □



# DEFENDING U.S. INTERES



**In a world torn by terrorism, subversion, mistrust and conflict, is it possible to secure a real and lasting peace? Yes, says Secretary of State George P. Shultz: "Policy based on steadiness of course, imaginative diplomacy, a strong defense and economic support . . . can preserve and strengthen the peace." The secretary discusses this and other major policy concerns in this exclusive interview.**

**Legion Magazine:** Mr. Secretary, what do you consider the greatest single threat to peace in our world today and what can be done about it?

**Secretary Shultz:** The late French philosopher Raymond Aron once characterized the 20th Century as "the century of total war."

Glancing at a newspaper today, it is hard for Americans to avoid being concerned about the many conflicts around the world. These concerns are deepened by the problem of state-supported terrorism, and the willingness of governments to foster instability and chaos—with blatant disregard for human dignity and law—adds to the threat to peace.

At the same time we must remember that where severe conflict once occurred—in Northeast Asia and Europe—there is now peace. In fact, the only conflict in Europe since 1945 has been initiated by Moscow and directed against its "allies" in Eastern Europe. Conflict now occurs exactly in those areas where nations are weak and prone to subversion, intimidation or infringement on their sovereignty.

We are dealing with these enormous challenges through a policy based on steadiness of course, imaginative diplomacy, a strong defense and economic support. We are confident that this strategy can prevent crises in these areas from erupting into war and thereby preserve peace.

**Q:** Is there any real prospect for changing the world situation so that an enduring peace is possible?

**A:** We are aware of the moral responsibility to seize every opportunity to strengthen the peace. In the field of arms control we have set out to reduce the level of strategic warheads, eliminate a whole class of intermediate nuclear weapons and lower the level of conventional forces in Central Europe. This year the United States will participate in another arms control endeavor, the Conference on Disarmament in Europe, seeking to reduce the risk of war on that continent.

But our arms control policies tell only part of the story. Our diplomatic initiatives in the Middle East,



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southern Africa and Central America form part of our effort to reaffirm our commitment to peaceful resolution of disputes.

These policies will not transform the world overnight. But in building on the policies of the last 40 years, they can make the peace a more enduring one.

**Q:** Do you feel the nuclear freeze movement is undermining US efforts to shore up Free World defenses?

**A:** The administration shares the concern of those who advocate a negotiated mutual and verifiable nuclear freeze as a way of achieving rapid progress in arms control and reducing the risk of war. However, a freeze at current high and unequal levels of arms would not achieve those objectives and would undermine our national security.

A freeze now would legitimize and preserve Soviet military advantages while preventing us from taking steps to overcome weaknesses in our own nuclear deterrent forces. It would thus undercut the credibility of our strategy of deterrence, which has preserved the peace for over three decades. For example, a freeze today would leave the Soviets with a strategic arsenal of more recent vintage than the US: three-fourths of Soviet strategic weapons are on launchers five years or younger, but the same portion of US strategic weapons are on launchers 15 years or older. This disparity would be locked-in permanently under a freeze.

Rather than a freeze, we have proposed to the Soviet Union substantial equitable and verifiable reductions in nuclear arsenals. Such reductions would contribute to greater security and stability for both the US and the USSR.

**Q:** Why should we negotiate new arms control agreements when the Soviet Union has violated existing obligations?

**A:** The US is committed to policies that enhance the prospects for peace and reduce the risks of war. The US believes that equitable arms reduction agreements with effective certification and compliance provisions will, if complied with, enhance security at substantially reduced, equal levels of forces on both sides. In this way, such agreements can make a major contribution to international security and stability. Such agreements can be designed to help deter future violations.

**Q:** Is there any reasonable hope for an enduring settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict? What role should the United States play in this effort?

**A:** Yes, there is definitely hope that a comprehensive peace may be achieved. The United States has played an important role in this process. The US alone has the credibility with the various parties to help move the process forward. President Reagan reaffirmed our commitment to the peace process in his proposals of September 1, 1982, which we believe provide the most realistic basis for resolving the Palestinian issue and bringing peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors. The President's initiative is based on UN Security Council Resolution 242, which embodies the principle of exchanging territory for peace. Unfortunately,

neither side has taken up the challenge, but the door must be kept open.

**Q:** Are we making any real progress in holding the line against Soviet encroachment in Central America, the Caribbean Basin and the rest of Latin America?

**A:** Yes, we are. In Central America our assistance to governments fighting Soviet- and Cuban-backed guerrilla insurgents is preventing the imposition by force of Marxist-Leninist regimes. Just as important, we are helping to bring about much-needed reforms that build support for democratic governments and reduce the inequities that the guerrillas with Soviet encouragement exploit to their benefit. In Nicaragua, we have increased the cost to Managua of its aggressive behavior while keeping the door open to diplomatic initiatives. Recent Sandinista interest in diplomatic discussions suggest this policy may be starting to work.

We are making progress in the Caribbean, too. The President's Caribbean Basin Initiative, which became effective on January 1, is providing the nations of the Caribbean and Central America with just the kind of trade-not-aid incentives that meet their developmental needs. In Grenada we helped free the Grenadian people from an oppressive regime that was allied by secret agreements to the Soviet Union, Cuba and North Korea. The message our action carried almost certainly was a factor in the decision of Suriname to curtail the Cuban presence there.

In the rest of Latin America, progress toward the restoration of democratic government (notably in Argentina and Brazil) is providing a bulwark against Soviet encroachment, since Latin Americans have demonstrated repeatedly that they choose democratic reform over extremist solutions.

But, despite this progress, we are not complacent about Soviet activities. We—both government and private sector organizations such as The American Legion—need to do much more to train democratic leadership in the hemisphere.

**Q:** Should we support governments friendly to the United States even though those governments are repressive toward their own citizens?

**A:** The US cannot and does not support the repressive measures that *any* government takes against its own people. As a nation and a people, we are deeply committed to the defense of human rights. Were we to oppose human rights violations solely in countries hostile to the United States, we would betray the principles upon which this country was founded.

Support for a government does not imply endorsement of all of its policies, foreign or domestic, or of its human rights practices. When these practices are unacceptable, we use our influence to promote desirable change.

The problem we are always grappling with is how best to encourage democracy and human rights in authoritarian regimes, without playing into the hands of Communists and other non-democratic forces. Our aim is not to replace an imperfect regime with something worse, but rather to achieve genuine human rights progress.



# DEFENDING U.S. INTERESTS

**Q:** What new policies should the United States adopt to strengthen Mexico's resistance to Communism and to encourage US-Mexican cooperation?

**A:** A key objective of our policy toward Mexico is to encourage that country's political stability and economic progress. This represents the best way both to further US-Mexican cooperation and to ensure Mexico's continued resistance to Communism.

The extraordinary economic assistance measures we have taken since August 1982 to help Mexico deal with its foreign exchange crisis vividly demonstrate our commitment to Mexican stability. We work with Mexico as well on a broad range of other subjects. These include joint efforts to repress narcotics trafficking, to resolve a dispute over fisheries and to encourage US private investment in Mexico.

In view of the many successful programs already under way between the US and Mexico, we believe no special new policies are necessary at this time. The most constructive thing we can do at present is to work to strengthen our current cooperative efforts.



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**Q:** Should something be done about the flood of immigrants, both legal and illegal, into the United States?

**A:** This question should be addressed in its two separate parts. The entry of legal immigrants is regulated by the Immigration and Nationality Act, which establishes a worldwide numerical limit of 270,000 per year. In addition, it provides for the entry of an unspecified number of immediate relatives of American citizens who are not subject to the numerical limitation. The total number of legal immigrants has averaged some 450,000 per year over the past five years.

A certain number of refugees also come to the United States each year. Their legal entry is also governed by the Immigration and Nationality Act. The President, in consultation with Congress, has authorized the entry of up to 72,000 refugees during Fiscal Year 1984.

I believe, however, that there is widespread support in our country for efforts to exercise sovereignty over our frontiers and to contain the flow of illegal immigrants.

A bill that would, among other things, reduce the flow of illegals by making it unlawful for employers of four or more

persons to hire illegal aliens has twice passed the Senate by wide margins. A companion bill is now awaiting floor action in the House of Representatives.

**Q:** With the Soviets in Afghanistan, Syria armed to the teeth with Russian weapons, and Iran and Iraq in turmoil, what can the United States do to assure an uninterrupted supply of Persian Gulf oil?

**A:** The United States is concerned about the threat to the security of the Persian Gulf posed by the possibility of further Soviet aggression in the region, and posed by the danger of escalation of the Iran-Iraq war. We regard free access to Gulf oil supplies and the security of friendly Gulf states as matters affecting our vital interests.

Accordingly, we have maintained a carrier battle group on station in the Indian Ocean virtually continuously since the late 1970s. The establishment of a unified command, CENTCOM, in January 1983, has enhanced our capability to respond effectively to possible contingencies in that area. Meanwhile, we continue to work closely with our friends in the Gulf region to contain and reduce, by non-military means, threats to the region's security.

We continue to support the efforts of the United Nations and others to reduce the fighting between Iran and Iraq and bring it to a halt. To that end, we supported UN Security Council Resolution 540 of last October, which calls for a cease-fire in the Gulf and reiterated the rights of non-belligerents to freedom of navigation in the international waters of the Gulf.

**Q:** You have previously stated that several countries seem to be systematically supporting international terrorism. To which countries are you referring, and what can be done to combat it?

**A:** Unfortunately some nations do support international terrorism. Some provide training and logistical support to other states or national groups knowing that such states and groups engage in international terrorism. In other cases, they directly support and supervise such terrorist activity.

Each year we review all the evidence we have and identify those states that have been directly supporting such activity. The current list includes Libya, Syria and Cuba. We are in the process of reviewing the evidence for 1983

and will be updating the list for submission to Congress.

Combating acts of international terrorism is one of our highest priorities. The key to combatting terrorist activity is good intelligence and we have been strengthening our intelligence collection and analysis as well as broadening the sharing of information with friends and allies. We carefully control exports to countries that engage in terrorism as one of the ways to persuade them not to engage in such activity.

We are constantly working on cooperation among countries on combatting terrorism. We have developed a good international legal basis for dealing with terrorists but more has to be done on getting countries to prosecute, or extradite terrorists to countries that will prosecute. We need to strengthen some of our own laws and the President will be sending proposals to the Congress.

Finally, we are improving the security of our missions without turning them into fortresses that separate us from the people in the countries with which we are working.

**Q:** The POW/MIA issue in Southeast Asia is still unresolved. What more can the US government do to prod



## **Vietnam and Laos into settling this humanitarian issue?**

**A:** This administration is committed to obtaining the fullest possible accounting for Americans missing in Southeast Asia. The President has declared resolution of this issue a matter of highest national priority.

To implement this priority, the Department of State constantly urges the Vietnamese and Lao Governments to meet their humanitarian obligation. We have secured agreement with the Vietnamese for technical meetings and in June 1983 the Vietnamese turned over the remains of nine individuals.

In late February, Assistant Secretary of Defense Richard L. Armitage met with senior Vietnamese officials in Hanoi. Both sides agreed that cooperation in resolving the POW/MIA problem would be accelerated and several specific steps to achieve this were discussed. In the case of Laos, we have worked hard for the past two years to improve relations on the basis of concrete steps by both sides. We have told the Lao authorities that cooperation on the POW/MIA issue is our principal measure of their sincerity.

In December, after several diplomatic exchanges, the Lao government permitted a visit by US specialists to a crash site of US aircraft downed in Laos during the war. We welcomed this development, which is a significant breakthrough. We have urged the Lao government next to cooperate in an excavation of the site and repatriation of remains to the US.

It is clear that we are greatly dependent upon the cooperation of Vietnam and Laos. We have made it known through a variety of channels that we are prepared for substantive cooperation in order to resolve this bilateral humanitarian issue between our countries and end the uncertainty of the American families concerned.

**Q:** Why is the United States making friendly overtures toward Mainland China at the apparent expense of our relationship with Taiwan, a long-time ally?

**A:** Our good relations with China in no way jeopardize the well-being of the people of Taiwan. The friendship between the American people and the Chinese people living on Taiwan is rooted in history and we will continue to maintain a wide range of commercial, cultural, and other unofficial contacts with the people of Taiwan.

**Q:** Is it realistically possible to cooperate militarily with a Communist nation, such as Mainland China?

**A:** We regard China as a friendly non-allied country, and US policy is designed to treat China as we would other friendly non-allies. Neither the US nor China seeks a military alliance. We do hope, however, to develop the same types of routine military-to-military exchanges and contacts with China that we enjoy with other friendly nations.

**Q:** How can the United States be more effective in combatting Soviet disinformation and propaganda efforts worldwide?

**A:** We think the best policy in dealing with these "active measures"—the term the Soviet themselves use for these activities—is to expose them and give them the fullest possible publicity.

In order to identify and expose these tactics more effectively, we have asked our overseas posts for more active measures reporting. We are also working with other US government agencies to sharpen our analysis of Soviet techniques.

**Q:** Is the United States in a position to live up to its worldwide commitments to defend freedom? What can be done to get our allies to contribute more to this mutual effort?

**A:** The administration inherited a situation in which a sustained Soviet military buildup, combined with years of

unilateral US restraint, was beginning to threaten the credibility of the US deterrent. The steps this administration has taken to improve our strategic and intermediate-range nuclear deterrent and to upgrade our conventional forces have gone far toward reversing this dangerous trend. Already our global defense posture is clearly stronger than it was when President Reagan took office, and it will continue to improve as the policies initiated in the past three years come to fruition.

Our allies have collaborated closely with us in these efforts. While US defense spending declined from 1971 to 1981 by some 7 percent, measured in constant dollars, that of our allies went up more than 26 percent. Since 1979 our allies have also stood fast with us in implementing NATO's dual-track decision to respond to the threat posed by Soviet deployment of SS-20 intermediate-range nuclear missiles. Nor has such close cooperation been confined to Europe; Japan in particular has shown an increasing recognition of its critical responsibilities in our collective defense in the Pacific region.

Yet all members of the Alliance have to do more in order to redress the imbalance between Warsaw Pact and NATO forces and meet the threat posed by the increasing ability of the Soviet Union to operate worldwide.

The current trend demands that we all go that additional mile to ensure that our deterrent posture and ability to influence Soviet actions more positively remains credible.

**Q:** Mr. Secretary, superpower confrontation has brought the world to the brink of global war several times since World War II. How much longer can such a precarious "peace" continue?

**A:** I agree that intermittent crises have occurred between the United States and the Soviet Union at various times in the post-World War II era. But I would not characterize the peace as "precarious." I believe that the peace we have maintained over the past 40 years has been strengthened by three factors.

First has been our commitment to maintaining a military balance through a strong defense.

Second has been our willingness to negotiate outstanding political differences and the control and reduction of arms in the spirit of compromise and mutual interest, yet free from intimidation or threats.

Third and most important has been the willingness of the American people to sustain our commitments to a strong America and to policies aimed at forging a world based on law rather than force. We intend to sustain those policies—and the peace—into the future. □

## **Facts About State**

The State Department's Fiscal Year 1985 budget of \$17.5 billion amounts to 2 percent of the total federal budget. It includes \$7.8 billion for military aid, which is disbursed primarily in conjunction with the Department of Defense. Also included is \$5.2 billion for economic aid, disbursed by the Agency for International Development; \$1.4 billion for international financial programs, disbursed by the Export-Import Bank and other agencies; \$900 million for information and education programs of the US Information Agency, and \$2.2 billion for the overall conduct of foreign policy.

Of the military-aid budget, 43 percent is earmarked for Israel and Egypt, 30 percent for NATO and Europe, and the balance for the rest of the world.

The department's 25,442 employees constitute 1.2 percent of all federal workers. Over 16,000 serve in foreign-service posts in 151 countries.



# EAST-WEST TRADE Benefit or Trap?

For decades, the US has traded technology and food to the USSR, in return for little else than spies, aggression and dirty tricks. Here's an in-depth examination of this continuing situation.

By William J. Gill

**E**ach day for the past 20 years, millions of dollars in American-grown grain, American-made products and American-invented technology have poured out of American ports into the vast, insatiable maw of the Soviet Union.

In return, with the exception of a few products such as vodka and caviar, the US has received from the USSR an unending supply of spies, open or ill-concealed aggression in Asia, Africa and Central America and healthy doses of disinformation designed to hasten the demise of our country and Western civilization.

This dangerously uneven exchange is euphemistically called East-West trade. Such trade between the US and its allies with the Soviet bloc has grown to billions of dollars annually, most of it fueled by long-term credits at low interest rates gratuitously provided by Western bankers.

Dr. Zdzislaw M. Rurarz, Poland's ambassador to Japan until the Jaruzelski junta declared martial law in December 1981, has testified before a congressional committee that the Soviet Union and its subject countries never had any intention of paying off the huge trade debt, estimated now to be between \$80 and \$100 billion.

In fact, Rurarz said, by virtue of this staggering debt the USSR now holds the economies of the West hostage. "I spent most of my career in the international trade arena," Rurarz said, "and I know how absolutely necessary trade with the West is to

the Communist bloc. Without it, they could not sustain their economies and they certainly could not continue to support the Soviet armaments buildup that now threatens the entire world."

John N. McMahon, deputy director of the CIA, recently said that during the past 10 years—the same decade of accelerated East-West trade—the number of countries controlled by the USSR or under Soviet spheres of influence has doubled, from 25 in 1973 to 50 today.

McMahon said the domino theory has been proved and the Soviets are reaching worldwide to control the choke points of international trade, while stepping up their efforts to steal or otherwise acquire the most advanced Western technology. "There are 30 companies in the US owned by the Soviets or the Soviet bloc," McMahon said. Obviously, their mission is to expedite the export of American technology to the USSR.

"An element of the SS-18 (the Soviet "super missile") is based on a US design, as is the range-finder in the new Soviet tank," McMahon told the recent convention of the Reserve Officers Association of the US. He also said that the Soviets had the plans for our C-5A aircraft *before it even flew*.

The CIA revelations add new substance to the disclosures made in THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE's October 1981 issue, by journalist M. Stanton Evans. In his article, Evans itemized some of the materiel the US has shipped to the USSR, including laser technology, high-speed computers, semiconductors, jet-engine technology, advanced radar systems, inertial guidance technology and precision ball bearing grinders needed to manufacture gyros used in MIRVing ICBMs.

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*Soviet freighter Marshal Zhukov (left) loads wheat at Galveston, Texas, in 1983. US has supplied food to Russia since 1921.*

After a mild slowdown following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the imposition of martial law in Poland, the US again is increasing its trade with the USSR. The Soviet Union, from Lenin to Andropov, has played the US and the other industrial free-world nations as a conductor directs a symphony orchestra, using trade as the baton to entice the musicians into playing the Communist tune.

Indeed, every time the Soviet economy has been on the verge of total collapse, the West has rushed to its rescue. In 1921, when famine struck Russia in the wake of the Bolshevik holocaust, Herbert Hoover organized the American relief expeditions that sent tons of food to the infant USSR.

Although Hoover and America acted out of humanitarian motives, the food shored up the shaky Soviet regime and probably kept it from being overthrown by counter-revolutionary forces still active inside Russia at that time. Curiously, Herbert Hoover was also the prime mover in industrializing the Soviet Union in the mid-1920s and early '30s. As secretary of commerce and, later, as President, he prompted the sale of heavy industrial plants to the USSR, including automotive and truck factories that are believed still to turn out tanks and other military vehicles.

In 1933, the sagging Soviet economy got another lift when President Franklin D. Roosevelt recognized the USSR diplomatically and signed a trade pact with the Kremlin. WWII, of course, saw American aid flow in huge quantities to the Soviet Union. At war's end, Stalin showed his gratitude by clamping a stranglehold on Eastern Europe, supporting Mao in the takeover of China and stepping up subversion worldwide.

For a period during the 1950s, US trade with the Soviets slowed. But after the Hungarian Revolution of 1956, the West's trade gates to the East opened wide and, with a few temporary exceptions, have remained open ever since. Incongruously, some of the biggest boosts in US exports to the USSR, including the first large grain shipments, came during the Vietnam War.

President Jimmy Carter reduced grain shipments to the Soviets and imposed other trade sanctions after Afghanistan, but the Reagan administration has approved a new long-term grain agreement and our allies openly defy our sanctions against technology transfer.

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# East-West Trade

The rationale for East-West trade is based on the theory that trade will somehow encourage the Soviets to relax their iron grip on their own people and on their satellite countries, while discouraging them from additional adventurism.

In practice, however, the steady flow of trade and technology from the West has enabled the Soviets to strengthen the chains that hold the Russian people in bondage and has helped tighten their control over their subject populations in Eastern Europe. Moreover, trade obviously has failed to slow Soviet expansion.

The most forbidding sign on the one-way street of East-West trade is the enhancement of the Soviet strategic force. In the name of trade, the USSR is acquiring a first-strike nuclear capability that dangerously tips the strategic balance in its favor. The SS-18 that the CIA's McMahon spoke of is MIRVed with 12 independently targetable warheads believed to be so accurate they can destroy our fixed-base Minutemen, considered by some to be the major component of America's deterrent force. The ability to MIRV the SS-18 was given to the Soviets when the US permitted 164 ball bearing grinders to be shipped to the USSR over the protests of many defense experts.

The moral paralysis that results from the ever-increasing strength of the Soviet's nuclear strike force becomes more apparent every day. Despite this, some of our society's most fundamental institutions, particularly our churches and universities, are in the forefront of the nuclear freeze movement, which feeds on this paralysis and is heavily influenced by the Soviet Union.

East-West trade finds its strongest supporters in the business community. American bankers and industrialists, desirous of increasing their stake in international trade, exert mounting pressure on our government to approve increasingly sophisticated technology transfers to the Soviet bloc. "If we don't sell to them, the Germans and Japanese will" is the clinching argument they use.

Additionally, our allies now believe they have a fundamental right to supply the Soviets with virtually anything they want, no matter how obviously useful to the USSR's ever-growing military machine. Two years ago, the NATO alliance almost cracked wide open over the question of shipping

American-licensed equipment from Western European firms to help the Soviets complete the Yamal natural gas pipeline.

Ultimately, Great Britain, France and Germany openly defied the United States and shipped the Yamal equipment despite the personal protests of President Reagan, revealing once again the damaging impact East-West trade can have on the NATO alliance. Our government has also made an effort to strengthen COCOM, the coordinating committee comprising the NATO nations (with the exception of Spain and Iceland) and Japan, which theoretically decides what products and raw materials Western nations may export to the Soviet bloc. Whether US efforts to get COCOM to tighten up on strategic technology shipments to the bloc will pay off remains to be seen.

Another aspect of the problem is that some countries refuse to cooperate with the US in criminal investigations of foreign nationals suspected of working with American businessmen in violation of our proscription against shipping high technology products to the Soviet bloc. Several such cases were cited in a report by the US Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (a part of the Committee on Governmental Affairs) published Nov. 15, 1982.

One case involved a West German, who allegedly set up several California firms with an American accomplice, a Russian-born naturalized US citizen. They allegedly shipped to the Soviet Union between 1977 and 1980 more than \$10 million in high technology equipment needed to build a semiconductor plant. They are alleged to have used one of the West German's foreign companies as the cut-out transfer point. To date, the West German government has refused to extradite the industrialist to the US, although, according to the subcommittee report, his accomplice was successfully prosecuted in 1981.

In another case, an Austrian formed a company in Tennessee, reportedly to order a special gunsight camera manufactured by a California company for the Air Force's F-4 fighters. The president of the American company reported the gunsight order to government officials and the Customs Service investigators arrested the Austrian at JFK Airport in New York, allegedly

*Transfer of US technology helped USSR build Yamal natural gas pipeline from Siberia to Europe and strained NATO alliances.*





as he was about to board a jet bound for Munich. The gunsight camera was found in his luggage and several business cards of Soviet officials also were on his person.

Yet, despite the overwhelming circumstantial evidence, he went free because the Austrian government refused to cooperate by allowing the US access to official shipping documents believed to prove that the Soviet Union was the ultimate destination of the camera.

Douglas K. Southard, deputy district attorney of Santa Clara County, home of California's famed "Silicon Valley," told the Senate subcommittee he was forced to maintain surveillance over massive technology shipments to the Soviet bloc with his small staff—a task he considered time-consuming and sometimes frustrating.

Southard cited the case of Peter K. Gopal, part owner of a Silicon Valley electronics firm, who was arrested for selling computer chips to undercover agents. Gopal allegedly had met with officials of the Soviet Consulate in San Francisco and had made numerous trips to Europe, Poland and the USSR. It was alleged in the report by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations that one of Gopal's close business associates was a member of an East German spy network.

The Commerce Department, the Senate report stated, "... found insufficient evidence to prove a federal violation more serious than a misdemeanor." Undaunted, Southard prosecuted Gopal on various state felony charges. Gopal was eventually convicted on six counts of receiving and possessing stolen trade secrets, bribery and conspiracy. Sentenced to two years and eight months in prison, Gopal still was free on bail pending appeal a year later.

The role of some businessmen, our allies and Soviet espionage agents in promoting East-West trade to the apparent detriment of the West is augmented by Soviet satellite countries. Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, East Germany—even Communist China—all play important roles in siphoning off advanced technology from the West.

Former Polish Ambassador Rurarz and others have made it clear that their countries are forced to serve as conduits for the Soviet Union. But some American businessmen and government bureaucrats seem to turn a blind eye to this plain, and potentially fatal, fact. The limited trade sanctions imposed on the Soviet Union after the Afghanistan invasion never applied to

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other nations living under Soviet hegemony. The result was that those countries did the Soviet's shopping in the West during the interim.

This satellite by-pass, coupled with the defiance of our allies, meant that trade sanctions did not have the full effect intended. It also appeared to add substance to the favorite slogan of the pro-traders: "sanctions never work." The fact is that sanctions have seldom been given any real chance to work. If they were intelligently enforced by the US and observed by our allies, sanctions might have a decisive impact on East-West trade.

Indeed, trade sanctions are one of the few weapons still available to the West, short of war. Those who would forego the use of sanctions, no matter what aggressive moves the Soviets make, are, in essence, advocating surrender on the installment plan—a script the West has followed willy-nilly for several decades. It is a script, however, we would be pursuing at a rapidly accelerated rate if even the *threat* of sanctions were to be forever eliminated from policy consideration.

In the face of this stark reality, *The New York Times* and other influential organs of opinion continue to advocate the scuttling of all sanctions and substitution of more wide-open East-West trade. In an editorial on April 12, 1982, less than five months after the brutal crackdown on Solidarity in Poland, the *Times* editorialized:

"A more relaxed policy would serve the West's best interests because a steady supply of foreign technology saps the Soviet Union's incentives to develop its own. It is better to have the Soviets stealing, copying—and following a few steps behind—than working independently and becoming able to deliver a technological surprise . . ."

Dr. Jack Verona, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency's technology transfer office, told the Senate subcommittee that the *Times* editorial was "divorced from reality." He added that "... the Soviet leadership ap-

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# Air Traffic Control: Leap To The 21

**In revamping its management of the nation's airspace, the Federal Aviation Administration is using high technology to make the skies a little friendlier.**

By August 1981, the confrontation between the 15,000-member Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization and the US government had reached crisis. In the balance sat the nation's air-traffic control system, a vital element of commerce, national security and, most important, the potential safety of millions of airline passengers.

PATCO stood eyeball-to-eyeball with the President of the United States, threatening a strike that promised to make a shambles of the system. When the President wouldn't accede to the union's demands, some 12,000 controllers walked off the job. The President fired them all.

Immediately, there were predictions of disaster and death; rhetorical scenarios of flaming planes cartwheeling out of the sky in a modern-day civilian Battle of Britain. A thin staff of Federal Aviation Administration supervisors and military controllers manned the air-traffic consoles.

Flights were reduced by government order, from some 26,000 per day to 22,000, a 15 percent cut. Peak-time

departures from the busiest airports were sharply limited. Passengers plainly suffered inconvenience, but the air-traffic control network endured. In terms of quality, it may even have improved, as tension between controllers and pilots eased. The last airport restrictions were lifted earlier this year. Today, less than three years after the strike, traffic levels are near normal.

The situation was clearly tense and trying. And there are still problems. On this past New Year's Day, two airborne jumbo jets over Florida came within 600 feet of each other—and possibly as close as 50 feet—before one pilot dove his plane. Two controllers sitting back-to-back, it seems, had failed to tell each other vital information on the crossing flight paths. Yet Miami controllers are well aware of their responsibilities. On the front door to the control center is a sign that says: "Loss of Human Life May Result from Service Interruption."

The FAA is now beginning a sweeping and ambitious modernization of the air-traffic control system, a \$10-\$15 billion program that will take more than 10 years to complete. Given the strains under which controllers have worked these past three years, the need for the changes is compelling.

Called the National Airspace System plan, it will allow for the complete

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# st Century

By Jay Stuller

replacement of air-traffic computers, installation of advanced communication between air and ground and an array of other electronic flight aids. The project will lead to leaner controller staffing, more efficient routing and, in sum, safer air-traffic control.

The strike focused new attention on the nation's air-traffic control system. But it appeared to be in some trouble even before PATCO members walked out. System capacity was already taxed to the limit, primarily due to outdated equipment. Controllers complained about radar screens that sometimes would go blank, leaving converging airliners equally blind, vulnerable for harrowing minutes. Even though there were complaints about FAA's personnel management and job-related stress, many of the system's problems could be traced directly to the tools of the trade.

There were wasteful and sometimes confusing overlaps in radar, navigation and communications gear. Non-standardized equipment added to inefficiency. Despite traffic demands, there were too many controllers.

"It was apparent even before the strike that eventually we would have to reduce the staff by at least a couple of thousand," said FAA spokesman Fred Farrar, and ultimately by still more. Now, although it's estimated that traffic could increase by 26 to 100 percent by the year 2000, the FAA's NAS plan, if fully developed, should take care of the flow handily.

"We absolutely must modernize our equipment and install new automation techniques," said former FAA Administrator J. Lynn Helms, "that will allow us to fly twice as many airplanes, yet reduce our controller force to 9,500. Our collective problem is not to restrain aviation, but to have it continue its outstanding safety record and its very strong leadership role in the national economy."

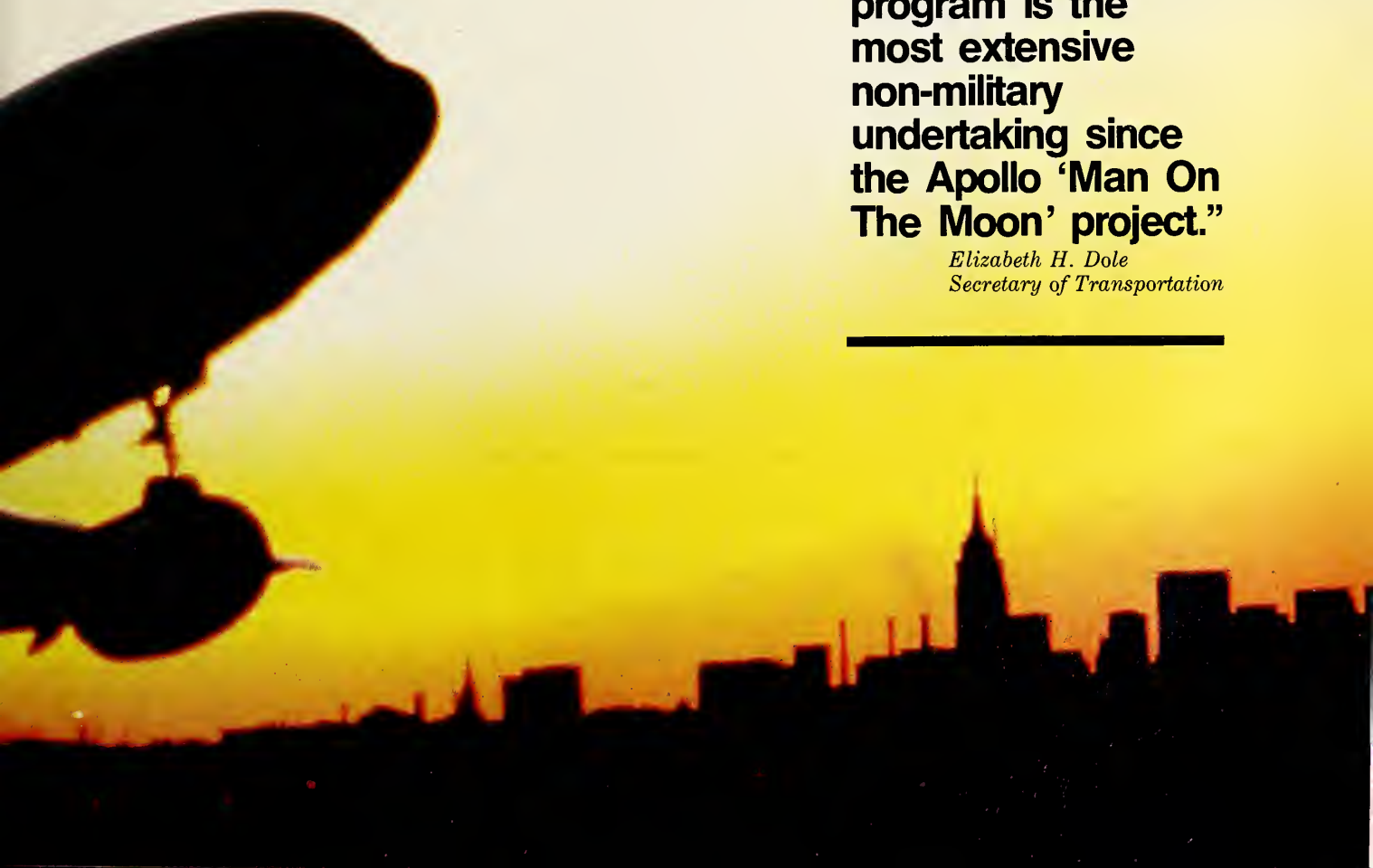
Airlines in the US account in some way for at least 3 percent of the American gross national product. Some

*Air traffic controller studies sophisticated new radarscope, part of the FAA's new National Airspace System installation.*



**"This multi-year program is the most extensive non-military undertaking since the Apollo 'Man On The Moon' project."**

*Elizabeth H. Dole  
Secretary of Transportation*





# Air Traffic Control



800,000 passengers, of whom around 60 percent are business travelers, ride commercial flights each day. About 10,000 tons of air cargo, including mail and crucial computer parts, daily are shuttled throughout the country.

The nation's business—and a lot of our leisure—depends on a good air-traffic control system. So, too, does the military. "Right now we handle many military aircraft en route between training areas," said Farrar. "In fact, almost any military aircraft flying between two bases comes under FAA control at some point." In the event of war, the FAA would give priority to all Department of Defense flights.

Indeed, under a cooperative agreement between the FAA and the Defense Department, military flights that express a *peacetime* need for special service are immediately granted it by controllers. Although FAA employees would not "switch hats" in a national emergency, military demands would be met first.

This part of national defense, of course, depends on a smooth and fast-operating civilian air-traffic control system. The new plan, based on a

veritable "Star Wars" array of electronic wizardry, meets the demand using a five-part program:

- A new generation of computers will have incredibly greater memories and processing capabilities than those now in use. These machines instantly and automatically will perform many of the critical calculations now done by controllers. "In the ultimate system," said Helms, "one controller will do what three or four did before."

- Tied to this is a new radar system, which will give controllers much more than simply target and traffic data. These radar machines also will clue controllers to potentially hazardous weather conditions.

- Communications between air and ground, now mostly done by human voice, will grow automated, through a system called Mode-S. Computers on aircraft will receive a controller's signals and display them on screens in digitized form, obviating much chatter on radio "party lines" and eliminating (for pilots) the bothersome "was-that-transmission-for-us?" syndrome.

- Instrument landing systems now in use can bring a plane down only on a straight-ahead path. These will be replaced by microwave landing systems, which can vector planes coming toward airports from any angle. The new machines can bring planes down faster, for they provide controllers a wider path of coverage and give more precise position information. Less time in the air means fuel savings, too. It costs about \$1,300 in jet fuel for a Boeing 727 to circle in a holding pattern for an hour. The FAA initially will order 172 microwave systems; it expects deliveries to begin in 1985. "By the end of the century," said Helms, "we expect to have 1,250 in place."

- Much talked about for years is a workable "threat-collision-avoidance system," which would give pilots an electronic warning when another plane is approaching perilously close. When two planes are headed for a collision, antennas on each aircraft would emit

signals that are sorted out by individual on-board microprocessors. The two T-CAS units, which cost about \$40,000 each, would instantly analyze the problem, agree on a solution and tell one plane to climb, dive or turn, while directing the other craft in a different direction. Details remain to be worked out, but after 10 years of T-CAS controversy—mainly over choosing a system—Helms seems to have forged standards that will finally put the devices into the skies.

With such computerized integration and interaction with aircraft, the machines will be able to program flights better. Indeed, by taking maximum advantage of traffic and weather conditions, the automated control can manage hundreds of planes, sending each of them on the safest and shortest route possible, leading to great savings in time and expensive fuel. Controller jobs, moreover, should be easier and less stressful.

With all the new equipment in place, a controller will sit at a work station with three displays, instead of the one basic scope now in use. Weather information would feed into the controller's computers, and be sent automatically to display screens in aircraft cockpits, thereby reducing routine radio contact. A third screen can be put to several uses, including devising solutions to a flight crew's request for re-routing information, or as a back-up to the main traffic scope.

Humans, of course, will remain vital parts of the automated system. Machines are never fail-safe. There must always be a person responsible in the air-traffic control loop, said Prof. Robert W. Simpson, director of the Flight Transportation Laboratory at MIT. "When a clearance goes to an aircraft, he'd better have approved it."

The PATCO strike rocked the aviation community, but with pluck, hard work and luck, the FAA brought the air-traffic control system through its crisis. The agency is trying to improve its employee relations; managers now are required to take courses to develop sensitivity to people and organizational problems. There are, for the first time, labor-management committees at all FAA facilities, along with a dozen new human resource specialists to help facilitate change.

Along with the NAS's new technology, this should combine to make America's skies considerably safer. The average airline passenger will probably discern nothing different, which is the way he ought to be able to travel through the nation's airspace. □

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**"Humans will remain vital parts of the automated system. Machines are never fail-safe."**

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# Civil Air Patrol

## America's Airborne Minutemen

By James A. Cox

**T**hey were *civilians*. Yet, during a critical 18 months at the beginning of WWII, they flew 24 million miles in 90,000 sorties, spotting 173 enemy submarines and sinking two of them.

They were the Civil Air Patrol, an organization signed into existence Dec. 1, 1941, by Fiorello H. LaGuardia, director of the US Office of Civil Defense and a former mayor of New York City, who himself had been a pilot in WWI. The CAP's birth was especially timely, coming as a Japanese carrier force already was steaming toward Pearl Harbor.

The idea for incorporating the nation's 25,000 light aircraft and 128,000 certified pilots into a civilian defense organization arose in 1938, when Gill Robb Wilson, aviation editor of the New York *Herald Tribune* and president of the National Aeronautics Association, visited Germany and caught a glimpse of the Luftwaffe's already formidable might.

Back home, Wilson got approval from New Jersey Gov. A. H. Moore to form the N.J. Civil Air Defense Services to patrol the coast and fly security over dams and defense plants.

The program attracted the backing of Army Air Force Gen. H. H. "Hap" Arnold, and over the next year or so several other states formed similar groups. Little was being done on the national level, however, and fears that the country's defense establishment could be crippled by saboteurs flying light planes stolen from airports began to haunt the aviation community.

To get the government's attention, civilian pilot Earle L. Johnson took off

in his small plane one evening and dropped a marked sandbag onto the roof of a Cleveland defense plant. News of the "bombing" caused a national furor. Not long afterward, armed guards appeared at airports, civilian pilots had to obtain clearance before taking off and the CAP came off the drawing boards.

None too soon. Before 1942 was two months old, Nazi U-boat attacks off the East Coast turned more than 50 ocean-going oil tankers into infernos. The carnage was so great that, to protect public morale, the War Department stopped releasing to the press the figures for marine losses.

Against this onslaught, the US could only muster five old subchasers, some small Coast Guard cutters, three yachts, four blimps and, when they could be spared from other duties, an airplane or two.

The call went out from Washington in March 1942: Could the CAP mount a coastal patrol for 90 days, until the military could get more men and equipment into action? Ninety days came and went. From 21 CAP bases, civilian pilots in their little puddle-jumpers took off on anti-submarine patrols that blanketed the coast from Nova Scotia to Tampico, Mexico.

Finally, on Aug. 31, 1943, almost 18 months later, the Navy took over the task of protecting the shipping lanes. During that time, the CAP also spotted 17 floating mines, reported 91 ships in distress, and brought help to 363 survivors of U-boat attacks.

Inland, CAP pilots flew eye-in-the-sky duty over dams, reservoirs and other critical facilities, patrolled the Mexican border, developed an emergency courier and cargo service and towed targets for antiaircraft

gunnery practice. They also logged some 50,000 hours in search and rescue missions, racking up scores of "saves"—including an incredible one-week span in February 1945, when they found seven missing Army and Navy pilots.

On the debit side, 26 CAP pilots and observers died, seven were seriously injured, and 90 aircraft were lost.

With war's end in 1945, many people assumed that the work of the CAP was finished. But Air Force Gens. Arnold and Carl A. "Tooe" Spaatz made a case in Congress, and on May 28, 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed a bill establishing the CAP as the permanent civilian auxiliary of the US Air Force.

Today, the CAP is composed of 65,000 volunteers, including 25,000 teenage cadets and 40,000 senior members. It controls some 7,400 aircraft and 2,000 land vehicles.

Will the CAP, born of wartime necessity, have a role in the event of a future national emergency?

"Positively," said Air Force Maj. Donald F. Giglio, director of public affairs at CAP National Headquarters, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

"Specifically, it would be called upon to provide search and rescue, communications, emergency air transport in light aircraft, aerial damage assessment reports, airfield availability reports, courier service, route survey movement/control and aerial-ground radiological monitoring. In fact, planning is now under way for a national CAP exercise." □

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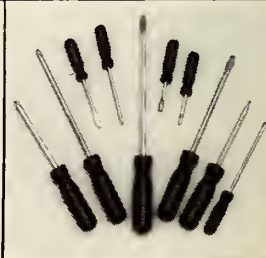
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# Four Coming Crises In US-Soviet Relations

**S**trategists involved in forecasting future conflicts differ on a number of points, but they agree that political-military violence will continue at a high level into the 1990s. Edward Luttwak's book, *The Grand Strategy of the Soviet Union*, identifies the reason: a Soviet Union driven toward further expansionism. Unless America deals with this threat now, four adverse trends will undermine our national security within the decade:

- The Soviets will maintain throughout the 1980s a solid military reputation for at least marginal strategic nuclear superiority. Soviet leaders will believe that they have achieved such superiority. This, however, will not lead to Soviet first-use of strategic nuclear weapons. It will accelerate political-military adventures that the Soviet leaders view as relatively low-cost, low-risk operations with high geostrategic payoffs.

- Soviet detente with Western Europe will proceed apace, yielding payoffs that the Soviets view as favorable. Soviet leaders will not be predisposed toward conventional war in Europe, because that would entail high risks of nuclear escalation. European nations will move toward armed neutrality; the foundations of NATO increasingly will erode.

- As the *Global 2000 Report* noted, the Third World will be increasingly ripe for Soviet political-military initiatives in the late 1980s. There will be growing pressures of skyrocketing population growth, refugee problems and food, water and wood shortages.

Competition by industrialized nations for increasingly scarce energy and mineral resources will continue to drive prices up. Costs of development capital will create economic conditions that could involve violence that the Soviet Union will seek to exploit.

- Finally, if the US does not improve weapons systems right away, our nation will be left with conventional military forces that will be



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inadequate to deter Soviet designs in the Third World.

The Soviet strategy calls for "low intensity conflict." One major objective will be to dominate the major sea lanes vital to western industrial democracies and Japan.

Obviously, the industrial democracies cannot long survive without access by sea to Persian Gulf oil, Third World mineral resources and free world trade. The Soviets have built a large blue-water navy for the projection of their military power and they have acquired major naval bases in Vietnam, South Yemen, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Angola and Cuba.

Soviet low-intensity conflict will include coercive diplomacy, special intelligence operations, psychological warfare, support for insurgencies, increasing reliance on proxy military operations and support for terrorism.

As numerous studies indicate, the US is ill-prepared to meet any of these threats. Only now are we rebuilding our military forces and restoring the confidence and credibility of the US intelligence apparatus.

Nevertheless, much remains to be done. Strategic air- and sea-lift is inadequate to transport modern heavy equipment such as the Army's 60-ton M1 tank. The military lacks doctrine and training required to combat psychological warfare, insurgencies, proxy wars and terrorism.

Yet we probably have the finest military personnel in the world. The problem is that these people will not be up

to the challenges they inevitably will face unless they have adequate planning, are properly organized, trained and equipped, and are guided by the best of strategists. Many strategists, unfortunately, resign or retire early due to frustration generated by their generally unsuccessful attempts to bring about needed fundamental changes. Moreover, as we learned in Vietnam, our military also must be backed up by the people at home. Will they be?

The Grenada operation notwithstanding, for the next four or five years, the American public probably will not sustain support for any forms of low-intensity operations that appear to intervene in foreign nations' affairs. Russians can get away with it; we can't.

Overt or covert rescue operations intended to forestall imminent hostage seizures, or to end them, would be the exception. Americans will have no more of that kind of thing.

Only at the end of the 1980s are Americans likely to fully realize the significance of the slow but steady Soviet geostrategic gains.

**W**e may find then that the hard national security decisions we failed to make will constrain our capabilities. By then it will be too late to restructure military organizations, revamp training and tailor the technology for non-NATO environments.

Thus, the high-quality military manpower now available to the US will remain unprepared for the most likely threats to our security. The tragic loss of 241 Marines in Beirut and its impact on America unfortunately is the tip of a menacing iceberg always expanding in directions largely unrecognized and unseen.

The solutions to these problems have been suggested in a number of recent studies, but action probably will be a long time forthcoming—perhaps years. Perhaps *too* late. □



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**I**t may become harder for veterans to get VA-guaranteed home loans if the VA changes the way it pays off lenders when homeowners default on their mortgage payments.

Currently, when veterans become subject to foreclosures, the VA acquires deed to the property by paying off the full amount of the mortgage. The VA then refurbishes and sells the property, theoretically either breaking even on the resale or making a profit.

Because the VA holds out for a maximum selling price when reselling these homes, it often holds onto them for many months, frequently even allowing the defaulting veteran to remain in residence until the resale is completed. Because it does so, the VA actually averages a loss of several thousand dollars in such repossession and resales.

Now, the Reagan administration's proposed Fiscal Year 1985 budget has incorporated a recommendation by the President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control that the VA be permitted only to pay off the amount guaranteed to the lender, not the whole amount of the mortgage. The budget specified that the VA would switch over to the new tactic "effective March 1, 1984"—but VA Administrator Harry N. Walters has indicated that the agency will wait at least until fall to begin implementing the proposal—if then.

In the interim, Walters said, the VA will study the new proposal to see how its adoption might affect veterans getting any type of mortgage assistance.

"The American Legion has been studying the situation since the PPSSCC report was issued in January," said James Bourie, director of the Legion's National Economic Division. Representatives of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America and Homebuilders of America have conferred with Legion officials already, he said, to attempt to locate the best possible solution to a potentially troublesome situation for veterans.

A chief concern of all three groups is that, if the VA does go to the new rules, lenders may not be as willing to make VA-guaranteed loans. Or, they may tighten their criteria for approving VA home loans because they do not want to get into the home-selling business.

**T**he Legion opposes a Senate bill as written that would provide WWI veterans and certain surviving spouses with a \$150-per-month pension. The bill, S. 2774, introduced by Sen. David L. Boren, D.-Okla., is identical to a House measure that has over 200 co-sponsors.

If the bill passes, the VA would be authorized to make the payments to any WWI veteran who served in the active military, naval or air services for 90 days or more; was discharged or released from service for a service-connected disability, or served for 90 consecutive days or more that either began or ended during WWI.

The above language is aimed at insuring the provision of benefits to any veteran of WWI whose service coincided by even one day with the period of American involvement in hostilities, from April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918. That is, a

serviceman whose enlistment began on Jan 8, 1917, and ran only for 90 days (until April 7) would receive the \$150 per month pension; a serviceman whose enlistment began on Nov 10, 1918, also would be eligible for the pension if he served at least 90 days in all.

The American Legion is opposed to both the Senate and House versions of the bill, because both would extend the pension benefit without regard to the veteran's need for such benefits. Payment of benefits without regard to need, the Legion believes, would set a dangerous and potentially costly precedent.

**T**wo more Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Centers will be established this year by the VA in the southeastern United States. Construction of the new GRECCs will be made with funds authorized under the VA's budget for Fiscal Year 1984.

To be located in Durham, N.C., and Gainesville, Fla., the new GRECCs will bring to 10 the number of such VA centers nationwide.

Located within VA medical centers at the two cities, the new centers each will have a staff of about 12 professionals, including clinical personnel, educators, researchers and support personnel.

Each GRECC focuses on a particular area of geriatrics. The new Durham, N.C., center, which will be affiliated with Duke University, will study oncology (the study of tumors, both benign and malignant) and cardiovascular disease. The new Gainesville, Fla., center, to be affiliated with the University of Florida, will focus on geropharmacology (the study of how drugs affect older people).

**L**awsuits filed by veterans seeking to have their military discharges upgraded must comply with the six-year statute of limitations set up to prevent untimely suits against the government, the US Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington has ruled.

The decision reversed a federal district court's ruling that had forced the military and naval services to review administrative separations of about 12,000 personnel between 1970 and 1975 for refusing to take part in a compulsory urinalysis program.

The program was designed to reveal drug abuse.

The lower court had held that forcing the 12,000 Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps personnel to participate in the mandatory urinalysis program violated their constitutional rights against self-incrimination. It also ruled that suits by veterans seeking upgraded discharges were exempt from the six-year limitation on suits against the government.

Not so, said the three-man appeals court. "Congress has required, and the services have established, both record-correction boards and discharge-review boards" that allow veterans to have their discharges reviewed within 15 years of separation. In the case presented to it, the plaintiff "simply chose to ignore these [other] remedial routes," the court ruled. □



# STRENGTH Is Watchword Of 24th Annual Washington Conference

If there is one word that characterized The American Legion's 24th Annual Washington Conference, Feb. 27-29, that word is "strength."

Speaker after speaker throughout the three-day conference, held at the Capital Hilton Hotel, detailed the nation's need for military strength, economic strength, strength of purpose and conviction, strength of service to veterans, even political strength.

"The surest way to prevent war and promote peace is through a strong national defense," said Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan in his keynote address to the conference Feb. 28. "To project strength, to assure national security, a nation must start from within. A strong, sound, growing economy is critical to a strong, sound defense. You cannot have the latter without the former."

"We have no intention of retreating from our policy of peace through strength," echoed Sen. Howard H. Baker Jr., R-Tenn., recipient of the National Commander's Distinguished Public Service Award the same day. "We are in position now to negotiate from strength, and we must never again forget that this is the only way to negotiate."

"But our national strength must mean more than military might, as the Legion well knows. Strength must come as well from a strong economy, from a healthy and well-educated population, from secure energy supplies and, perhaps most important, from a spiritual and moral revival in this country," Sen. Baker said.

The Army is stronger today than it has been in years, Gen. John A. Wickham, Army chief of staff, told a joint

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*Washington Conference keynote speaker, Secretary of the Treasury Donald T. Regan, told delegates, "A strong, sound, growing economy is critical to a strong, sound defense."*





Senate Majority Leader Howard H. Baker Jr. receives the National Commander's Distinguished Service Award from Natl. Cdr. Keith Kreul.



**"We have no intention of retreating from our policy of peace through strength."**

*Sen. Howard H. Baker Jr.  
Senate Majority Leader*

meeting of the Legion's National Security and Foreign Relations Commissions Feb. 27. Recruiting of high-school graduates remains at a high level, with a correspondingly low level of recruits in the I-4 (lowest acceptable intelligence) category, and patriotism and morale among all segments of the Army are high.

**W**hat's more, Gen. Wickham added, the Army is proceeding with organization of a new light infantry division at Fort Ord, Calif., producing a 10,000-man division that, while a third smaller than the Army's standard 15,000-man infantry division, has more strength in the foxholes.

The political strength of the nation's 28 million veterans needs to be exercised to insure better treatment from the press, television and motion pictures, said George J. Schlatter, executive producer of the NBC-TV program, *Real People*. Schlatter accepted the National Commander's Public Relations Award for 1984 on behalf of the program and network.

"The only veterans we hear about or see," Schlatter said of most current television programming, "are either maniacal generals wanting to blow up the world or psychotic servicemen returning from Vietnam who could not cope with the indifference of people at home. "There are millions of veterans living useful, productive lives—but we hear little if anything about *them*," he said.

Legionnaires can help correct this situation and achieve better treatment in all media by making their concerns known, Schlatter said. "Write to your local TV columnist and to *TV Guide*. Tell your friends to write and call the

NBC stations to *thank* them for running material on the MIAs and veterans. Ask them to do more for American veterans.

"Each letter is answered. Each call is monitored. The networks must learn that this is a 'popular issue.'"

"You people fought once. Some of you fought in two wars. I believe you're going to have to stand up and get ready to fight again—for the recognition, the respect and the honor that you deserve."

Meanwhile speakers appearing before the Economic Commission focused on two areas: veteran employment training programs and small business ownership. The Legion's backing of affirmative action programs, VA loan guarantees and of Small Business Administration programs was praised by Leon Bechet, deputy director of the Office of Veterans Affairs for the SBA. He said his department "owes The American Legion a deep debt of gratitude for promoting our programs designed to help veterans start and maintain their own businesses."

The Legion's efforts in backing employment and business ownership programs led to an increase in funding for SBA programs, explained Frank A. Kelly, (Ga.), chairman of the Economic Commission. In FY 1983, he said, SBA allotted 24 percent (\$641,000,000) of their lending dollars to veterans, particularly disabled and Vietnam-era veterans. Kelly said Department and Post leaders deserve praise for their efforts to get out the message about such special programs.

**O**ther highlights of events occurring during the three-day conference schedule included:

- An analysis of the report of the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America (the "Kissinger Commission") by Dr. John R. Silber, president of Boston University.

- An update, by Ann Mills Griffiths, executive director of the National League of Families, on progress in obtaining an accounting of the status of some 2,500 US servicemen still listed as prisoners of war or missing in action in Southeast Asia.

- A discussion of current developments in VA hospital care by a panel headed by Dr. Donald L. Custis, chief medical director of the VA's Department of Medicine and Surgery.

- Reviews of progress in space programs by Rear Adm. Bruce Newell, USN Center for Naval Analysis, and Maj. Gen. John H. Storrie, USAF, director, Space Systems.

- Presentation to Raymond McKnight of Milwaukee, Wis., of the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission's citation for outstanding hospital volunteer service.

- Visits by Legionnaires with their senators and representatives on Capitol Hill, urging them to support legislation that the Legion deems vital. Included in the Legion's legislative priorities are action on H.R. 1510, the Immigration Reform and Control Act; budget increases for the Immigration and Naturalization Service; support of the Fiscal Year 1985 proposed budgets for the VA and defense, with certain provisos in support of the latter; enactment of H.R. 1904, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act amendments, and reauthorization of the Veterans Readjustment Appointment Authority.

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# IS MILITARY RETIREMENT PAY EXCESSIVE?

**An exclusive interview with Lt. Gen. Kenneth L. Peek Jr., Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower & Personnel, Headquarters, United States Air Force, Washington, D.C.**



**S**hould military retirement pay be cut? Ought the Department of Defense stop operating commissaries and post exchanges? What's being done to improve the quality of life afforded military personnel and their families overseas?

These are all hot questions in Washington right now, thanks in part to findings of DoD's fifth Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation and the President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control.

The QRMC, for example, released to the services Jan. 12 a recommendation that Congress reduce from 50 to 35 percent the proportion of basic pay that personnel retiring after 20 years would receive in retired pay. A lump-sum bonus—twice annual basic pay for officers and three times

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*A command pilot with over 4,900 flying hours and a veteran of 101 B-52 combat missions in Southeast Asia, Lt. Gen. Kenneth L. Peek Jr. is an expert in manpower and personnel matters affecting all US armed services. Holder of 29 decorations and awards, he is a native of Indianapolis, Ind.*

annual basic pay for enlisted personnel—also would be paid under the QRMC proposal.

The PPSSCC, in a report issued last year, in effect echoed the QRMC findings, and also urged that DoD cease operating commissaries, at least within the continental US.

How these and similar recommendations, if implemented, might affect the military services was the subject of an exclusive interview recently granted *THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE* by Lt. Gen. Kenneth L. Peek Jr., deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel, Headquarters, US Air Force, Washington, D.C. Here is the interview:

**Legion Magazine:** Gen. Peek, should our current military retirement system be changed?

**Gen. Peek:** No. Our current system, designed in 1947, is a force-management tool that enables us to flow people through the military in the right numbers and the right quality. With it, we can maintain the kind of force we need: young and vigorous, with a core of experience.

The system is meeting our needs today. Therefore, we think that any proposal to change it must meet our force-management requirement of maintaining that flow-through, so that we can retain the quality and quantity of people we need to insure that core of experience.

Any drastic change to our current system might lessen that retention pull toward retirement. We would end up having larger numbers of people coming in and going out—kind of a revolving door. The skill level would decline, the core of experience would be lost and readiness would be severely affected. That's why we need to be very careful about any proposed change.

**Q:** Are you speaking primarily of 30-year retirement, 20-year retirement or some other term?

**A:** I'm talking about 20-year retirement, the current system. I am very concerned about suggestions that we not have a 20-year retirement—that we require something beyond 20 years of service—because when our people make their decisions to stay in the military, they are making a decision that will affect their lives for perhaps 15 years or more.

If we asked our people to commit themselves not to the next 15 years but to the next 25 years, how many takers do you think we'd get? We know today that in a typical 20-year service career an individual will be reassigned seven or



eight times, including one or two tours of duty in remote areas of the world where his family cannot accompany him. He'll have to work long hours and endure some of the unusual demands that military service imposes. Put all those requirements up front and ask someone to commit to 25 years additional service; how many people do you think would opt to stay in the military? The most probable answer is *few*—and that's the concern I would have if proposals to eliminate 20-year retirement are adopted.

**Q:** Would the people who stayed in service likely be those who were truly qualified, or those who value security above all else? Would the really good ones go out and get a job in private industry?

**A:** I would be very concerned about the quality of those who would stay. We might still have the same *number* of people, but they wouldn't necessarily be the *same* people. It's important that we retain people . . . that we maintain that core of experience. What's more, if we do *not* retain such people because we are "saving money" by reducing the 20-year retirement benefit or even eliminating it, it is likely to cost us more than we save to train replacements. It costs us about \$1½ million right now to train an F-16 pilot; if he leaves, we have to spend another \$1½ million to train his replacement.

Also, we're losing that valuable experience. We won't be keeping that individual with 2,000 or 3,000 or 4,000 hours of flying time—and we know that experience is very important, particularly when we talk about readiness, accident rates and so on.

Finally, we also have to have that kind of experience in our higher ranks. We need experienced people to command, to supervise, to plan and direct. We need experienced people in the Pentagon, even on the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

**Q:** I take it, then, that you do not think that the QPMC and PPSSCC recommendations that retired pay be reduced are good ideas?

**A:** No, I do not. There are two things that need to be recognized here. One is that you cannot logically compare the military retirement system with a civilian system, because the purposes are drastically different. A civilian retirement program is, by and large, an old-age pension; a military retirement system is a force-management tool—a career incentive.

Second, we must approach military service not as an occupation, but as an opportunity to serve the nation—an institutional approach, if you will. The military retirement system as it now stands is a critical element of the incentive structure that enables us to recruit and retain the kind of people we need.

One other difference between civilian and military retirement systems is that the military retiree, by law, can be recalled to active duty. That is not generally true of civilian pension systems.

**Q:** Do you think that today's military retirees are overcompensated?

**A:** First, I don't like that term "compensated." The military retiree is entitled to his retired pay. There are those who say that the system is over-generous. To them, I would point out that a master sergeant who retires today with, say, 22 years of service, is going to receive somewhere around \$750 a month, which is below the poverty

level for a family of four in an urban area. To me, that is not overly generous, lavish or overly compensated. What's more, if the military retirement system really is that good, why do only 13 out of every 100 people who enter the military ever stay through to retirement eligibility?

**Q:** How would you answer your own question?

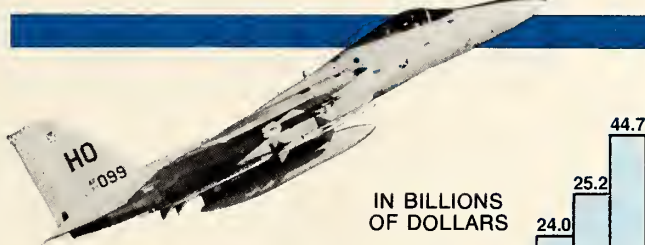
**A:** I would say that if only 13 percent are willing to stay on for the full career, then the retirement system is clearly not as lavish as some people suppose.

**Q:** Have previous Quadrennial Reviews examined the military retirement system?

**A:** Yes. The First, the Third, the Fourth and now the Fifth QRMCs have looked at it. While the previous reviews made some recommendations, legislative changes have never been enacted.

**Q:** Do you anticipate that legislative changes may in fact be made as a result of this latest series of QRMC recommendations?

**A:** That is a very difficult question to answer. I hope not, but I don't know. □



## Military Retirement Costs: Headed For New Heights?

The average soldier, sailor, airman or Marine—male or female, officer or enlisted—receives more than \$228,000 in military retirement payments after he leaves the military service, the President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control reported last year. Retired officers receive an average \$21,600 a year; enlisted personnel receive an average \$8,940 per-year.

Since most military retirements occur at about age 40, virtually all retirees take civilian jobs after they leave the service, enabling them to qualify for civilian pensions as well. All military personnel also contribute to (and may expect benefits from) the Social Security system. In contrast, the PPSSCC study showed, the lifetime value of the average private pension is \$37,015.

The Department of Defense's own forecast of amounts to be budgeted for military retirement payments is enlightening. DoD's budget for FY '85 authorized \$16.8 billion for these payments. Its 1985 request predicted that this amount will climb to \$24 billion for FY '89. Budget outlays of \$44.7 billion for FY 2000 are predicted by the PPSSCC, based on annual cost-of-living adjustments between 4.4 and 5 percent and annual increases in basic pay (upon which retirement benefits are calculated) of from 5.5 to 6 percent.



National Commission On Children & Youth

# “A Square Deal For Every Child”

## It's More Than A Legion Motto

“Our children's needs have always been a major concern of the American Legion,” Eugene V. Lindquist, Minn., said. “The Children and Youth program accordingly is vital. Our programs reach out to help the helpless.”

Lindquist, chairman of the Legion's Commission on Children and Youth, recalled that, from the days when it provided housing for hundreds of WWI orphans to today when it helps publicize the need for tougher child pornography laws and for full funding of juvenile justice programs, the

*Legion financial and volunteer support for the Special Olympics for physically and mentally handicapped children is a relatively recent feature of its devotion to helping the helpless. Another is support of Infant Hearing Assessment programs of the American Red Cross.*





Legion has sought to fulfill the Commission's motto: "A square deal for every child."

"That means we work to educate people about young peoples' problems and what we all can do to help solve them," he said. "The Legion serves as a catalyst for child-service groups. For example, until the Legion helped make the public aware of Reye's Syndrome, there wasn't much public awareness."

**R**eye's Syndrome is a malady in which the liver temporarily fails to filter potentially fatal infections. It was brought to the Legion's attention by Norbert Schollett, a member of Novi (Mich.) Post 19. Now Commander of the Post and a 10-year member of its Children and Youth Committee, Schollett said he became aware of Reye's after the Department of Michigan passed a resolution in the mid-'70s supporting research in this area.

Later, the Legion's Child Welfare Foundation (a part of its Children and Youth program) granted \$25,000 to make a film about Reye's and later paid for brochures on Reye's. The impact of that, said John Dieckman, past president of the National Reye's Syndrome Foundation, was incredible.

"To date, nearly 8 million people have seen the film. After the Legion film and brochures were made, awareness skyrocketed. Since then, television shows have mentioned Reye's.

"Mortality rate has dropped significantly, from about 45 percent to 15-20 percent."

Since creation of the National Child Welfare Committee in 1922, (forerunner of today's commission), the Legion has also helped millions of dependent children. By the late 1920s, through the Legion's Temporary Financial Assistance program, mother's aid, pension laws and aid to dependent children through the federal Social Security Act were enacted.

Also, late in the 1920s, the Legion was the first to make child-welfare grants to its state organizations, an idea that antedates the federal grants of today.

Later Legion efforts led to the adoption of child labor laws, compulsory education laws, foster-home care, education for handicapped children, programs for juvenile delinquents and the development of kindergartens. In Posts throughout the country, Le-

gionnaires helped provide milk and food for children in school lunch programs in the 1930s and 1940s.

The Legion also pioneered establishment of day-care facilities in the 1940s to help provide care for children of working mothers whose husbands were in uniform. It supported the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, an effort that eventually led to the development of the Salk poliomyelitis vaccine.

Also in the 1940s, the Legion helped create the American Heart Association; in the 1950s, it helped create the National Association for Mental Health. More recently, the Legion has underwritten and provided volunteer manpower for Special Olympics.

Today, Legionnaires contribute to anti-drug abuse programs, to training programs for police and court officials who work with juvenile delinquents, to cerebral palsy patients and families, well-baby clinics, foster parents' programs and the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness. By next month, the Legion will complete a project to develop an FBI-approved identification card for all juveniles to help reduce the numbers of missing children. Drug hot lines and teen

suicide prevention programs also are supported by the Legion.

Helping to direct the Legion's efforts in all these areas are K. Michael Ayers, director of the combined Americanism and Children & Youth Division; Paul R. Frinstahl, deputy director in charge of Children & Youth; Terry L. Woodburn, assistant director, Mary Wilson and Becky Bucy. Working with Legion volunteers, these five people supervise delivery of funds and services to a wide variety of Children & Youth programs.

**I**n 1983, the Legion, its Posts and Auxiliary Units contributed an awesome \$24.2 million to Children & Youth programs and their beneficiaries. Nearly 2 million children and 47,214 families were aided through these contributions.

"The National Commission on Children & Youth must rededicate itself each year as it strives to remain current with issues facing today's youth," Lindquist said. "All we can do is stay flexible, watch and listen. Seeking ways to improve conditions for children and youth is an awesome challenge the Legion gladly accepts." □



*Discussing the latest developments in the Legion's programs for children and youth are Eugene V. Lindquist (Minn.), chairman of the Children and Youth Commission and K. Michael Ayers (right), director of the combined Americanism and Children & Youth Division.*



## Legion Applauds FY '85 VA Budget Hike

### Expresses Concern About Some Areas

**T**he American Legion strongly approves of a proposed \$1.163 billion increase in the VA's budget authority for Fiscal Year 1985, Natl. VA&R Division Director Robert E. Lyngh told the House Veterans Affairs Committee Feb. 8.

Lyngh appeared before the committee with Paul S. Egan, deputy director of the National Legislative Division.

The increase, proposed in President Reagan's budget for FY 1985, will bring the VA's total budget authority for the year to \$27.246 billion. VA outlays in FY '85 will amount to almost \$26.7 billion, up \$998 million.

Even so, Lyngh testified, the Legion feels equally strongly that proposed staff cuts in the VA's Department of Veterans Benefits, delays in establishing geriatric research centers and elimination of funds for the second year of the emergency veterans job retraining program are unwise.

Over the past three years, Lyngh told the committee, the Legion has gone along with attempts to limit the rise in veterans' entitlement programs as part of the overall national effort to curb spending. "We believe that all the adjustments in our programs that can be achieved without serious injury to the welfare of their beneficiaries have been accomplished." Accordingly, he said, the Legion will not support further such proposals.

### DVB Staff Cuts Opposed

A proposed reduction of 800 full-time employees in the VA Department of Veterans Benefits, when added to those effected in FYs 1983 and 1984, means that, if implemented, the total staff reduction will have amounted to 1,334 employees in just three years, Lyngh said.

"We cannot but be concerned at the effect of these losses on delivery of services to VA beneficiaries," he said.

Additionally such reductions inevitably will affect the ability of regional VA offices to act on cases and disburse benefits, he added.

"The Legion is all for economy of personnel in management and for maximum productivity by all federal employees. However, a certain minimum of personnel is needed to process cases properly . . . We believe the committee should press for precise data . . . before effecting further loss of field personnel."

### No Funds For GRECCs?

"We are concerned about the fact that we do not identify any funds in the VA Budget for further expansion of the GRECC program," Lyngh said. Establishment of seven more Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Centers, in addition to the eight then operating, was authorized under PL 96-330, approved Aug. 26, 1980, he said, and it was the Legion's understanding that the VA would seek funds for two additional GRECCs each year until a total of 15 such centers would be operating.

"Apparently," Lyngh testified, "this is not going to happen, if we read the budget message correctly."

"We believe that any further delay in establishing the authorized GRECCs will be unfortunate. These centers of excellence are doing extremely valuable work . . . We would hope that the committee would adjust the VA budget to include funds for and instructions to the VA to proceed with establishment of another one or two GRECCs during FY 1985."

### Job Retraining Cutback Called "Disappointing"

"It is very disappointing to note the lack of any proposed funding for the second year of the emergency veterans job retraining program authorized by PL 98-77," Lyngh continued. "In failing to propose funds for the second year of this program, VA notes . . . that no funding is needed because the

purposes for which the program was established have been eliminated.

"While The American Legion agrees that the nation has witnessed a dramatic recovery from the most serious recession since WWII, we must insist that it is incorrect to suggest that there no longer are any remaining economically depressed areas of the country, or any veterans in those areas" who want to use the program, he said.

What's more, Lyngh testified, many more veterans are interested in applying for the program than there are employers to accommodate them. As of Jan. 13, 1984, he said, 20,000 applicants had been declared eligible for the program, while only 2,500 positions were available.

"The objective is to reduce the number of unemployed veterans, mostly of the Vietnam era," Lyngh said. "With all the protestations of concern for this generation of veterans, we suggest that the most concern is to provide assistance toward jobs that will make these veterans in fact economically rehabilitated."

### COLA Hike Overdue; Burial Benefit Urged

The Legion already has agreed to a 3.5 percent cost-of-living adjustment in compensation, to take effect April 1, 1984, Egan told the committee. It believes, however, that a 4.3 percent COLA, proposed by the Reagan administration to take effect April 1, 1985, should be accelerated to Jan. 1, 1985, he added.

"In readjustment benefits," he added, "the administration is proposing a COLA of 15 percent in subsistence allowances." Noting that the last such adjustment was made effective Jan. 1, 1981, "the currently proposed adjustment is badly needed, and in fact overdue."

Reinstitution of the \$300 burial benefit formerly paid to survivors of all honorably discharged war veterans also was urged. Noting that the benefit was largely discontinued by the Omnibus Budget and Reconciliation Act of 1981, Lyngh told the committee that "we said then, and we say now, that that benefit should not have been discontinued. It was unfair to do so, and it should be restored by Congress." □



# Defense Budget Wins Legion OK

**A** \$46.8 billion increase in defense spending for Fiscal Year 1985, to a total of \$305 billion, has won The American Legion's approval.

Included are funds for production of 34 B-1B bombers, 37 MX missiles, additional ground-, sea- and air-launched versions of the cruise missile, another Trident missile-firing submarine, three AGIS air-defense naval cruisers, 48 more F-15 and 24 more F-14 fighter planes, 720 M1 main battle tanks and 710 Bradley infantry fighting vehicles.

Funds for development of a space-based ballistic-missile defense system and the Trident II submarine-launched ballistic missile also are included.

In only one area does the Legion feel serious concern, said Roger A. Munson (Ohio), chairman of the National Security Commission, and that is in "the apparent lack of emphasis given to the US Army."

The Army portion of the Defense Department FY '85 budget will increase only 9.7 percent, compared to an overall increase of about 13 percent, Munson said. "The production authorization for the M1 tank will be cut from 840 to 720. With several thousand left to buy, the lengthening of the production schedule would seem to serve no particular purpose."

Moreover, he added, "To shape an Army more responsive to mission requirements, some reorganization and reshaping of division-sized units has become necessary. The budget authorizes no increase in Army strength to accommodate formation of such units; rather, the Army is being

forced to 'make more out of less' by decreasing the size of existing ones to create more divisions.

"With over 40 percent of the Army currently deployed overseas, an increase in strength clearly would reduce personnel turbulence and enhance morale," Munson said.

The Legion, he said, is "particularly pleased" to note a proposed 10.4 percent increase in the operations and maintenance portion of the budget. "The purchase of adequate spare parts, fuel, training ammunition and all of the other items necessary to train troops and maintain equipment is vitally necessary to the readiness of our armed forces."

The Legion also is pleased, he continued, "that the President has seen fit to continue to build additional amounts of readiness into the armed forces, especially in view of this nation's worldwide commitments. We also are pleased that progress toward a 600-ship Navy is being sustained. Control of the sea-lines of communication will be essential in any future conflict."

The new Defense Department budget, Munson said, "illustrates . . . resolve to recover some of the cuts made by Congress last year, despite some adverse political currents."

In 1983, he said, Congress cut \$16 billion from the FY 1984 defense budget request, thereby holding the inflation-adjusted increase from FY '83 to only 3.7 percent. "Clearly, the President feels that increases that are at or below the inflation rate are unacceptable," Munson said.

"Congressional fears about burgeoning federal deficits, now running in the neighborhood of \$180 billion, apparently were responsible for at least some of the cuts [last year]," he said. "However, the Secretary of Defense says that the threat posed by the Soviet Union substantially outweighs the threat of the deficits. He holds that nothing can safely be cut out of the defense budget.

"When asked by Congress where cuts can be made, he responded that unless Congress can agree on a modification of the US's missions overseas no cuts are acceptable. He then asked Congress how his mission should be modified." □



*Cortland LaBagh*

## LEGIONNAIRE OF THE MONTH

**W**hat's so special about Cortland LaBagh, April's Legionnaire of the Month? His fellow Legionnaires agree: dedication and service.

A member of Glenwood Landing [N.Y.] Post 336, LaBagh was an Army engineer in the Pacific during WWII. Now retired (he formerly was a supervisor at the Long Island Lighting Co. power plant) he has been a powerhouse all by himself to maintain the level of service he's given his Post as Chaplain the past three years.

He spends 25 hours a week visiting all members who are ill, either at home or in hospitals, and reports on their progress at Post meetings.

LaBagh has organized fund raisers for local charities including the Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation and the Arthritis Foundation. He organizes trips for a local high school band, takes treats to the St. Christopher Home for Children, coordinates activities at the Post for a local senior citizens' group, arranges for Eagle Scout meetings at the Post and helps present fire safety programs there.

For all of this and more, LaBagh was named Nassau County 10th District Legionnaire of the Year for 1983.

"He will sacrifice anything to help anyone in need," said Past Post Cdr. Rocco Douso. "He is personally involved in all programs of our Post and is a truly dedicated Legionnaire." □





## Convention Director William Miller Dies

William H. Miller, National Convention director since 1958, died Feb. 21, 1984. He was 64.

An Army veteran of WWII, Miller attended OCS at Fort Knox, Ky., and received his commission Sept. 21, 1942. From September 1944 to October 1945, he served in the Pacific and Asian theaters. He was discharged a major in 1946 and stayed in the reserves.

Miller is survived by his wife, Maxine, and two children, Claudia Jeanne Patterson and William Harmon Miller. Memorial offerings may be made to The American Cancer Society. □

## LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The award of a life membership to a Legionnaire by a Post is a testimonial by those who know best that such a member has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unlisted life membership Post awards that have been reported to the editors.

**Martin E. Miller** (1983), Post 346, Cherokee Village, AR  
**Dan B. Lucas** (1983), Post 241, Baldwin Park, CA  
**Roy L. Freeman, George F. G. Gerbling, Irving S. Hansen, Daniel Sheehan** (1983), Post 82, San Mateo, CA  
**George E. Almada** (1983), Post 178, Rio Vista, CA  
**James C. Kobus, James R. Miller** (1983), Post 314, Hawthorne, CA  
**James E. Crawford** (1983), Post 135, Naples, FL  
**Ervin M. Frohnauer** (1983), Post 159, Chicago, IL  
**Robert E. McAdam, Clifford E. Spald** (1982), **Richard A. Holevoet** (1983), Post 1166, Reynolds, IL  
**Herbert M. Feddersen, William H. Helsterkamp** (1983), Post 190, Clinton, IA  
**Anthony J. Sacco, Raymond F. Mahar** (1983), Post 125, North Adams, MA  
**Arthur P. Larson** (1981), **Winston Schmidt** (1982), Post 66, International Falls, MN  
**James Wallace** (1983), Post 174, Wayne, NJ  
**William C. Cooper** (1983), Post 87, Dansville, NY  
**Frank Burns** (1983), Post 435, Waterloo, NY  
**L. Frontista, J. W. Hale, J. R. Hobbs, Albert G. Newman, Sidney E. Wheatley** (1983), Post 10, Wilmington, NC  
**Andrew J. Dolak** (1983), Post 94, Lamar, SC  
**Paul S. Regorrah** (1983), Post 487, Cable, WI  
**Fred Kegel, Clyde M. Knox** (1983), Post 449, Elm Grove, WI  
**Dona Jean Smith, Ralph F. Stahley** (1982), **Dewey M. Pendleton, Bryan J. Archer Sr., Frank Banner, Roy Burwick, Allen H. Dally Sr., George G. Gillespie, R.R. Hamilton, E.D. Hereford, Archie W. Jones, Burton W. Marston, Robert F. Miller, S. Glenn Parker** (1983), Post 14, Laramie, WY

## TAPS

The Taps Notice mentions, whenever possible, those Legionnaires who have held high National or Department Office in the Legion or the US government, or who have attained other forms of national prominence.

**The Rev. Feltham S. James**, National Chaplain (1957-58), SC Department Commander (1954-55).

**Richard L. Walmsley**, MD Alternate National Executive Committeeman (1965-66), Department

Commander (1960-61), Department Vice Commander (1959-60).

**Thomas D. Doyle**, LA Department Commander (1981-82), Department Vice Commander (1974-75).

**Bernard J. Ackerman**, CT Department Commander (1939-40), Department Vice Commander (1938-39).

**James V. Suhr**, OH National Executive Committeeman (1942-44), Department Commander (1937-38).

## COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these veterans are urged to do so. Usually an eyewitness statement is needed in support of a VA claim.

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**"K" Co., 224th Inf. Regt., 40th Inf. Div.** Warren H. Simpson needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at M.L.R. Korea in October 1952, he was treated by company medic for low back pain. Contact CID 923

**336th Bomb Sq., 95th Bomb Group, 8th A.F.** John Walker needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Horsham, England in June 1944, he suffered hearing loss from high altitude flying and extreme noise. Contact CID 924

**Parris Island Boot Camp.** Dante A. Albin is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Parris Island, Camp Catlin, Hawaii and Camp Blanding, Florida in 1945, he suffered physical problems during training. Contact CID 925

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## Army

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**34th Div. (Tri-State Chapter) (WII)** (July-Niagara Falls, NY) John Mahl, 37252 Sugar Ridge Rd., No. Ridgeville, OH 44039, (216) 327-8150

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**63rd Signal Bn. Assn. (WWII)** (July-Harrisburg, PA) Robert Hostetter, 717 W. Cherry St., Palmyra, PA 17078, (717) 838-6932

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**83rd Inf. Div. Assn.** (Aug-Owensboro, KY) Robert Derickson, 3749 Stahlheber Rd., Hamilton, OH 45013, (513) 863-2199

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Phoenix Post 41

## "Our Philosophy: To Help Children"

**S**ix blocks south of downtown Phoenix, Ariz., sprawls a slum. Near one of two large housing projects is a playground where children of this largely Hispanic area play on swings and slides and romp in a pool.

All of this happens in the shadow of a Legion Post that, through nearly four decades of tireless service, has championed these children.

"Our philosophy is to help children," explained Raymond Martinez, a founder of Tony F. Soza Post 41, Phoenix. Martinez was the Post's first commander in 1945 and now is chairman of the Arizona Department's Children and Youth Committee.

It's that philosophy that makes Post 41 the clear choice as Post of the Month for April, the Legion's "Children and Youth Month."

Organized by Hispanic WWII veterans (who since have been joined by WWI, Korean and Vietnam veterans), Post 41 is still 99 percent Hispanic, said Cdr. Henry Mejia, now serving his second term.

"When I was a child, there wasn't a Post in the neighborhood, no big parks or pools," said Mejia, a Marine veteran of both WWII and Korea. "We're getting these things for these kids, today."

Not long after the Post was built in 1948, a dysentery epidemic swept the neighborhood, said Martinez, a former probation officer and supervisor of the Child Guidance Department at Phoenix Indian High School. "Many children were dying. There were no programs, no clinics. We organized a well-baby clinic, staffed by volunteers from the Post (including two doctors) and the community.

"We held the clinics every week for over five years, examining children, giving them free shots and medication, and teaching mothers how to strain and sterilize foods. Sometimes, 200 or more mothers attended."

Clinics aren't Post 41's only service to its community. Since 1945, it has provided shoes and clothing for needy children; each year since 1947, it has given 120 families a week's groceries at Christmas. Halloween programs have mushroomed from a few treats for children knocking on the Post's

door to a complete party for several hundred children. Christmas parties are an annual affair, including one last year when 3,700 children received gifts. Rey's Syndrome programs, Special Olympics, a Mexican folk dance group and Boys State also are actively supported by the Post.

In 1947, Post members persuaded the city's parks board to earmark a \$276,000 bond issue for a playground and pool. Now, there are several pools and parks in the neighborhood.

Children in the Post's neighborhood once had to attend half-day classes due to overcrowding. The Post first went to the local school board and won approval for a bond election that failed to garner enough taxpayer support. Undeterred, the Post won approval for a second bond election, organized a campaign headquarters at the Post home and won support for the bond issue by more than a 2-1 majority.

Today, with the help of National Children and Youth Commission and Division staff members, Post 41 is tackling another problem: missing children. Last year 2,887 Phoenix children were listed as missing. In response, Post 41 organized an identification program. Since then, Martinez and other Legionnaires have presented Post 41's program in all of Arizona's Legion districts.

**B**ob Gutierrez, Post 41's Children and Youth Chairman since 1967, is a Phoenix detective sergeant in charge of a 10-person "street gang squad." The Legion sponsored his attendance at a two-month Delinquency Control Institute at the University of Southern California, where he studied juvenile problems, including drugs, prostitution, runaways and suicide.

"In the 12 months ending in July 1984, Phoenix (a city of about 1 million) will have recorded 20,000 attempted teenage suicides, about 75 percent more than two years ago," Gutierrez said. "Of those 20,000, about 500 will succeed. We have to reach out to these kids and let them know someone cares. The Legion is helping do that."

Gutierrez said the Post will spend more than \$100,000 in the coming year for its children and youth programs.

**W**hen Cdr. Mejia looks out of the windows at Post 41 and sees children in that nearby playground, he muses about the neighborhood he grew up in, the children he grew up with and the ones he sees out on the swings.

"We have a lot of kids in that park who are 'our' kids. We're going to help them, and maybe even more when we branch out and tell people what they can do for themselves. It makes you feel good to be a part of it." □



*Vicente Bianco, senior vice commander of Post 41, fingerprints a local elementary student as part of the Post's efforts to reduce the number of missing children.*



# Peacetime Registration: A Key Element In Preparedness

**S**ince 1972, the US has depended entirely on volunteers to meet its military manpower requirements.

After some growing pains, the volunteer "experiment" has proved its workability. Not only are all recruiting quotas being met, but the educational and intelligence quality of the force has been the best ever. That's why we believe that we can—and will—maintain an all-volunteer military for the foreseeable future.

Nevertheless, there is one misconception associated with this success that needs clarification: The all-volunteer force was never designed to meet all of the nation's defense requirements. It must be augmented by well-trained, well-equipped reserve forces available for immediate call to active duty in any emergency, and an effective selective service system that can provide masses of manpower with minimum delay. That's why we must continue to register all young men as they reach their 18th birthdays.

Some people challenge the value of registration. They argue that registering 18-year-olds is meaningless. If we have a serious problem, they say, plenty of people will volunteer for registration and induction. Yet, before America entered WWII, some citizens also opposed a defense buildup. They argued against the actions taken to improve national preparedness. They may have been well-meaning, but they were misguided. Perhaps they were not unpatriotic—but they certainly were wrong.

Detractors and their rhetoric notwithstanding, peacetime registration is vital. Since its reinstitution in July 1980, almost 11 million young Americans have added their names to the Selective Service file. Of those considered draft-eligible in an emergency, over 98.5 percent have responded—an enviable record.

There is no question that the existence of a registrant file of millions of young men will save months of time,



*Maj. Gen. Thomas K. Turnage (ARNG-Ret.) became Director of Selective Service on Oct. 30, 1981, after completing 39 years of active, reserve and National Guard service. He also has served on the Military Manpower Task Force.*

millions of dollars and an untold number of lives if we ever again are forced to mobilize the US for war. And, because registration signals potential aggressors of our national resolve, it makes war less likely. It is an important element of our national strategy to prevent war and to preserve peace.

We live in a dangerous world. There are problems in Korea, Southeast Asia, the Mideast, Africa and Central America. It's no coincidence that the same forces that are destabilizing the Mideast also are working to destabilize Central America. The United States must continue to pledge support to friendly nations. Freedom can't be lost in one nation without being diminished everywhere.

That's why I resent it when someone tells me that he belongs to an organization with a name like "Citizens Committee Against Nuclear War" or something similar, and accuses me of being a "warmonger" because I favor national preparedness and registration. I'm just as much against nuclear war as any other sane human—but I'm no more willing to have the US engage in unilateral disarmament than I am to see registration canceled.

After the Soviets brutally murdered 269 civilians aboard KAL 007, then denied the deed, and then said the plane was on a US-inspired spy mission—they then threatened to do it again! Wouldn't you think that such

barbaric acts would shatter the illusions of those who say we should trust the Soviets and lay down our arms?

There's an old saying that's apropos to the cry for unilateral disarmament: "There's not much use in the sheep passing resolutions in favor of vegetarianism while there still are wolves who like mutton." We can't avoid war by yielding to the Soviet wolves. Resistance is a more fruitful course than appeasement—history proves that. Our purpose in keeping nuclear arms is to prevent war. Preparedness never caused a war; unpreparedness never prevented one.

My commitment to our government and to you is to insure that the Selective Service System is fully prepared to perform its mission. As you know, our agency is engaged in an active compliance program that seeks to guarantee that every young man fulfills his obligation to register in accordance with the law. In the interest of equity, we can do no less.

**A** citizen cannot decide which laws he will obey and which he will ignore. The rule of law is essential to civilized society; no one has any legal right to violate it. If someone disagrees with a law, there is a proper procedure for having it changed.

I personally object to willful violation of the Selective Service law, and I will initiate action against every man identified as having failed to register. Let me make it clear, however, that registration, not prosecution, remains the goal of the administration and the Selective Service System. When so many millions have registered and so few prosecuted for failure to register, it is clear that we intend to continue a program of awareness and encouragement, not one of threat or intimidation.

The individual who has genuine concern for the future of this country will advocate obedience to its laws, including the requirement to register with Selective Service. □



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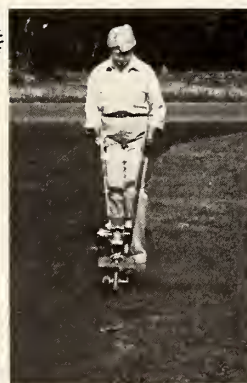
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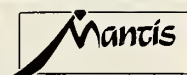
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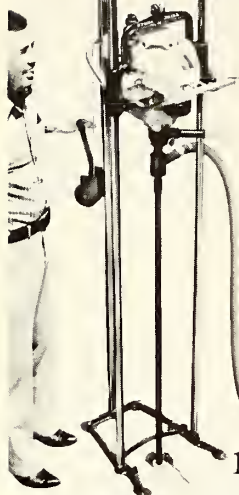
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Also included are support of a Comprehensive Crime Control Act; support of the "Kissinger Commission" report, including its recommendations for substantial increases in economic aid to Central American nations; support of measures to afford a presumption of service connection for disabilities caused by exposure to Agent Orange; support of proposed increases in volunteer mileage allowances, and support of the postal subsidy afforded nonprofit organizations such as the Legion.

• An assessment of progress already made and to be expected in the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks in Geneva, Switzerland, by Ambassador Edward L. Rowny, chief strategic arms negotiator.

The second transition of power in the Soviet Union within the last 15 months, said Ambassador Rowny, affords the US unique opportunities in arms control.

Thanking the Legion for its stand in support of nuclear arms control as expressed in its Resolution No. 494, Rowny reviewed the progress of START talks over the past few years. "In the 1970s," he said, "detente was intended to establish a web of relationships... [that] were supposed to give the Soviets incentives to cooper-

ate with the West. However, none of these cooperative efforts worked out as expected.

"The Soviets plucked the fruit of detente. They increased trade and scientific cooperation and promoted arms control agreements, which induced the US to relax its strategic programs. But, at the same time, the Soviets continued their massive expansion of strategic weapons..."

The Reagan administration, Rowny continued, has "proposed bold arms control agreements that would substantially reduce the nuclear arsenals held by both nations. These proposals have induced the Soviets to consider levels of reductions which, when they were made by previous administrations, were rejected out-of-hand."

Now, he said, the US has a good proposal on the table in Geneva and it has even indicated its willingness to negotiate by trading off certain advantages for equal trades by the USSR. "We remain willing and ready to return to the START negotiations in Geneva," Rowny said. "Only if we talk can we continue to explore ways to narrow the differences between us."

"The START talks have been serious and businesslike, and the US is prepared to trade off its advantages for Soviet advantages. We should make it clear to them, and to world opinion, that it is the USSR which, by refusing to talk, is obstructing progress toward an equitable and verifiable arms control agreement." □



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30-34	96,000	86,400	76,800	67,200	57,600	48,000	38,400	28,800	19,200	9,600
35-44	54,000	48,600	43,200	37,800	32,400	27,000	21,600	16,200	10,800	5,400
45-54	26,400	23,760	21,120	18,480	15,840	13,200	10,560	7,920	5,280	2,640
55-59	14,400	12,960	11,520	10,080	8,640	7,200	5,760	4,320	2,880	1,440
60-64	9,600	8,640	7,680	6,720	5,760	4,800	3,840	2,880	1,920	960
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**Wage Hikes May Moderate** but the big question remains: "How much more can I expect to make?" It now looks like an average of around 5-7 percent—a bit higher than in 1983, but considerably below the rosy figures of pre-recession days.

Some of the pace will be set by major union negotiations in the months ahead. They include contract renewal sessions in the food industry, shipping, railroads, the Postal Service, autos and bituminous coal mining. The auto talks (involving about 560,000 workers at Ford, GM and International Harvester) likely will generate the most heat and strike threats. One compromise you may see: Raise the pay of veteran workers and cut the starting scale for beginners.

**Clothing And Tool Prices** may be relatively easier on your pocketbook this year. Statistically, clothing prices are on the upturn. But that doesn't mean much. Discounting, "off-pricing" and copying now are so rife that clothing prices—for all practical purposes—are at a standstill. As for hand tools: The market is awash with Far East imports (some good, some shoddy) that are upsetting the price structure. Examine ultra-low priced goods for quality before you buy.

**Job Outlook Has Brightened** for college grads. Preliminary estimates show that college graduates this year will have a much better chance of getting a good job at a good salary than in the past two years. Hiring will be up about 20 percent over 1983.

Engineers again will be in the highest demand, with top starting pay around \$27,000 for those with bachelors' and \$30,000 for those with masters' degrees. Next are computer majors and mathematicians, who may expect salaries of \$23,000 to \$25,000 (up 6-8 percent over last year). At the bottom of the list: liberal arts grads, who will have dimmer job prospects, especially since government and academic hiring is sluggish.

**Cable TV Has Hit Heavy Weather** and it looks like the industry may be in trouble. "Disconnects" (subscribers who drop the service) run 25-30 percent. Ad revenues are way below expectations.

Here's what to look for: fewer programs on fewer channels; package deals in which the basic service is "bundled" with several "tiers" at a lower price than if you order "a la carte," and other inducements such as lower installation fees.

**The Cost Of Quenching A Thirst** is on the way down. That's because the soft-drink makers are in a hot competitive struggle to gain market share for the spate of new caffeine-free and diet beverages now emerging. Watch for periodic price cutting and special offers.

Beer prices, meantime, will begin to stabilize after going up about 7 percent last year. Here too, there may be minor "bargains" due to local competitive situations and more imports, but not on the broad scale you'll see in the soft drink field.

**After You Tire Of A Computer**, what can you do with it? You can't trade it in like a car. However, used-computer dealers are now springing up rapidly in most large areas. They'll take your old machine either on consignment (charging about 25 percent commission) or buy it outright—providing the computer has some real value. (If not, forget it.) Conversely, if you purchase a used computer you may save yourself as much as 50 percent. But ask the dealer about the warranty and be sure to test the computer before you buy it.

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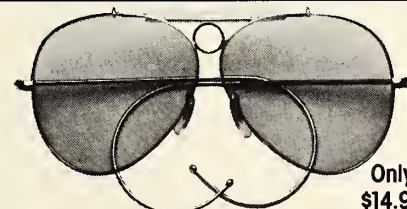
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## East-West Trade

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precipitates and has oftentimes noted the causal relation between science and technology and strategic superiority. To them, technology transfer is an important means to an end."

Verona testified that America's research and development establishment "... is viewed by the Soviets as a mother lode of important and frequently openly available [science and technology] information. In fact, they tap into it so frequently that one must wonder if they regard US R&D as their own national asset," he said. "They have enjoyed great success in this endeavor with minimal effort, primarily because, as a nation, we lack awareness of what they are about."

Over the past 30 years, the US has tried on many hats in its efforts to improve relations with the Soviet Union: peaceful coexistence, convergence, interdependence, detente and arms control. None of these hats ever fit. Indeed, they keep slipping down over Uncle Sam's eyes, making it impossible for him to see clearly.

All of these oversized hats—these superficial slogans—have had the dangerous effect of speeding us further along what could become a one-way street to disaster if the Soviets achieve their aims. At some point, the US and its allies will have to stop living on slogans and adopt a realistic policy of trade with the Soviet Union and its subject nations.

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- 112th Cavalry (Midwest) (Sept-Joliet, IL) Lionel Carter, 1621 Cleveland St., Evanston, IL 60202, (312) 475-8882
- 115th F.A. Bn. (Aug-Columbia, SC) Claude Horton, 916 Lynwood Dr., Lancaster, SC 29729, (803) 283-3223
- 126th Inf. Assn. (June-Wyoming, MI) Bennie Benedict, 1200 44th St. SW, Wyoming, MI 49509, (616) 538-8540
- 127th Ordnance Co. MM (July-Augusta, GA) Glenn Boswell, 3634 Devaney Ln., Martinez, GA 30907, (404) 863-8703
- 128th AAA Gun Bn. (June-E Paso, TX) C. D. Long, 1011 Guadalupe, College Station, TX 77840, (409) 693-1144
- 131st Ord. Maint. Bn., 9th Arm'd Div. (Aug-Colorado Spring, CO) Al Irwin, Mound City, KS 66056
- 134th AAA Gun Bn. (Mobile) (WWII) (Oct-Catonsville, MD) Michael Kotula, Star Rt., Box 586, Albrightsville, PA 18210, (717) 722-0309
- 191st Tank Bn. (July-Louisville, KY) Mike Maietta, 7898 Taft St., Merrillville, IN 46410, (219) 769-5374
- 202nd M.P. Co., II Corps (Aug-Dallas) Fr. William Patterson, 4252 Pine St., New Boston, OH 45662, (614) 456-5154
- 213th C.A.A.A. (July-Lebanon, PA) Robert Kohl, 111 N. Ramona Rd., Myerstown, PA 17067, (717) 866-6849
- 224th Airborne Medical Co., 17th A/B Div. (Aug-Springfield, MO) Edmund Wientczak, 9313 David Rd., Garfield Hts., OH 44125, (216) 341-0695
- 249th F.A. Bn. Assn. (June-Ames, IA) Kenneth Wiese, Rt. 1, Box 6G, Roland, IA 50236, (515) 388-4620
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- 290th Combat Engr. Bn. Vets (July-King of Prussia, PA) Clyde Kiker, 1800 S. Chapman St., Greensboro, NC 27403, (919) 292-6318
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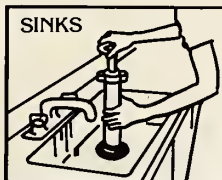
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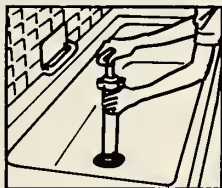
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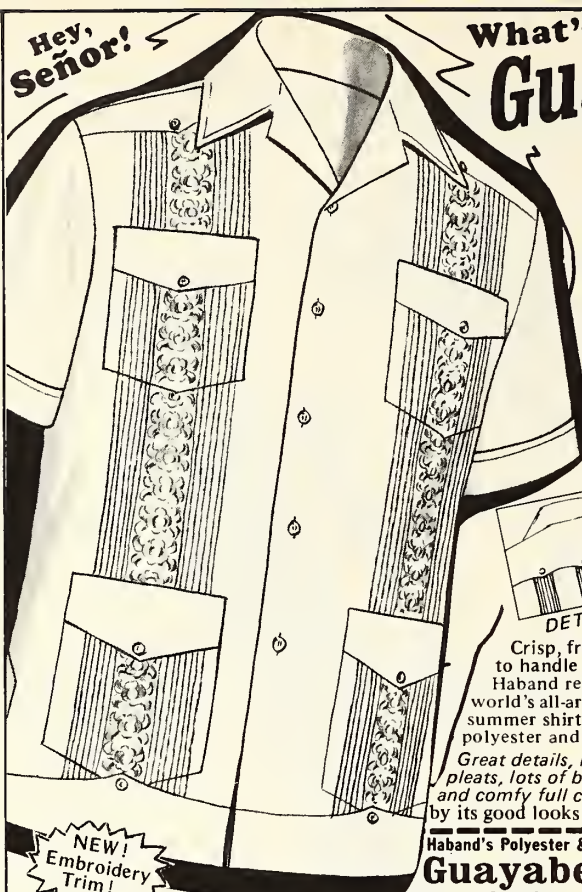
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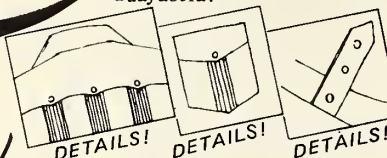


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841st Ordnance Depot Co., XII Corps., 3rd Army (WWII) (June-Lebanon, PA) George Fox Jr., 705 S. 1st Ave., Lebanon, PA 17042, (717) 273-5415

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989th Engr. Treadway Bridge Co. (June-Salina, KS) John Newquist, Rt. 1, Box 16, Cawker City, KS 67430, (913) 545-3402

1057th Engrs. (June-Williamsburg, VA) Howard Bruah, 10704 S. Hamlin, Chicago, IL 60655, (312) 881-1176

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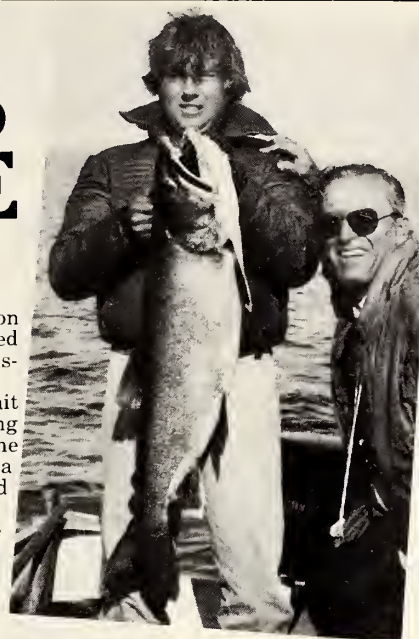
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"M" Co., 134th Inf., 35th Div. (June-Seward, NE) D. D. Hodgkin, 320 Lincoln #9, Seward, NE 68434, (402) 643-3058

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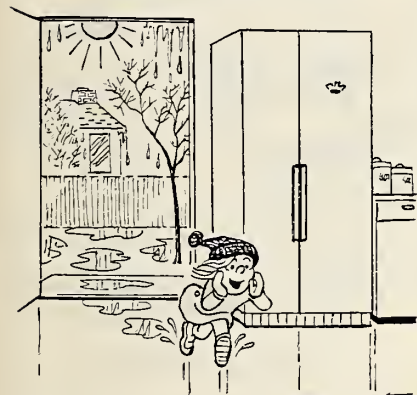
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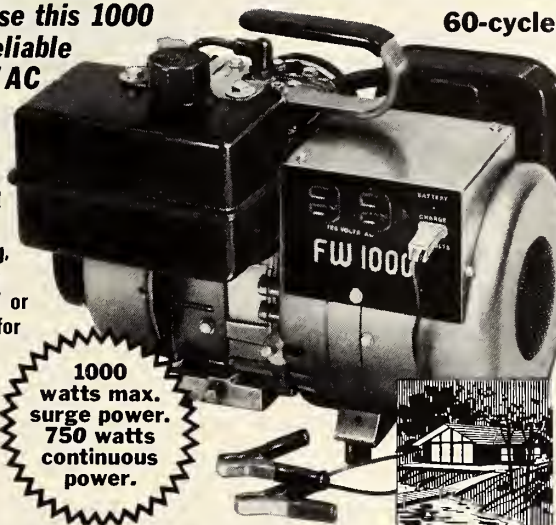
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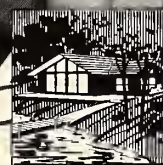
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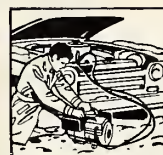


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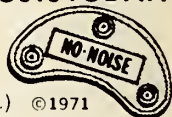


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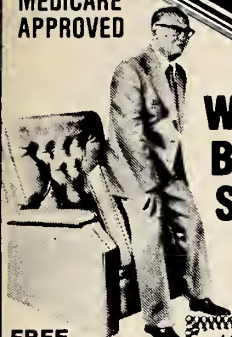
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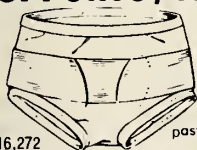
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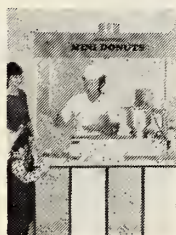
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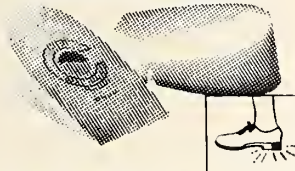
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Osteoporosis, a severe thinning of the bones, kills and cripples many older people. Here is a look at this dread disease, and current efforts to combat it.

By Steve Salerno

**I**t has been called the quiet epidemic, and for good reason.

It doesn't result from some mutant virus, nor from some hotly debated environmental factor, but from a metabolic process as natural as the growth of one's hair. It may develop in the body over a period of years—even decades—with few discernible symptoms; it is almost never detected in routine physical exams.

When it strikes, it does so with sudden vengeance, often leaving its victims crippled, senile or dead. Researchers say it is capable of the perfect physiological crime: It can kill you without ever being recognized for what it is.

"It" is osteoporosis, a severe thinning of the bones caused by a breakdown in the process whereby the body replaces aging bone cells with newer ones. Now thought to be linked to hormonal deficiencies, the disorder has inspired a mood of alarm among many leading medical researchers. Certainly, the statistics are sobering:

- Osteoporosis affects as many as 15 million Americans over the age of 40.
- Another 35 million people are considered "at risk."
- 4 million are in constant pain.
- 1 million Americans—annually—suffer serious osteoporotic fractures of knees, hips and other major joints.
- 85,000 annually are crippled by it.
- Over 50,000 annually die as a direct result of the disease's insidious long-term effects.

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"Seldom if ever will you see osteoporosis actually listed as the cause of death," said Dr. Norman Beals, a Santa Ana, Calif., physician-researcher who has received considerable publicity for his treatment of bone and circulatory disorders. "But that's only because people die from its apparent complications like stroke or heart attack. We've all heard people say, 'The poor woman fell and broke her hip and then before you knew it, she died.' First, the woman probably didn't fall and break her hip. She broke her hip and *then* fell. When that happens, the fat globules that have been collecting in the hip joint are released into the bloodstream."

What happens next, according to Beals, depends on where the fat globules go. If they travel to the brain, one of two things can occur: obstruction of a major feeder vessel, resulting in cerebral hemorrhage and immediate death; or clogging of various minor vessels, resulting in senility, physical impairment and the prospect of a slow, painful death.

"Either way," Beals concluded, "the osteoporosis is what killed you."

Although the disease strikes all racial, ethnic and age groups, the typical victim tends to be a slender, Caucasian female at least 55 years old. In fact, Dr. B. Lawrence Riggs of the prestigious Mayo Clinic, site of several studies on osteoporosis, has estimated that one third of all white females will suffer an osteoporotic hip fracture. Of those, half will spend the remainder of their lives in nursing homes. Since studies have indicated that women lose 7-to-20 percent of their bone mass each year after menopause, the risk of developing osteoporosis heightens with age. By the time a woman

reaches 75, the odds of escaping the disease are only 1 in 10.

For men, the pattern is somewhat different. Because male menopause is a gradual process (though no less a biological fact), the hormone believed to govern bone mass replacement does not, as a rule, dwindle to precarious levels until a man is well into his 70s. Thus many men succumb to other, more acute illnesses before onset of osteoporosis. However, when an osteoporotic fracture does occur in a relatively younger man, the consequences are often far more grave than for a woman of comparable age. The mortality rate for such fractures is twice as high among 60-year-old men as among 60-year-old women.

The enhanced longevity of today's males may prove to be a mixed blessing. As men live longer—and as science makes inroads against diseases like cancer and atherosclerosis—the number of men afflicted with crippling osteoporotic symptoms is expected to increase geometrically. Many medical researchers feel that unless something is done to stem the disease's rate of growth, the longevity statistics for both sexes presage a major health and fiscal crisis.

**C**onsider: Today, there are approximately 23 million Americans 64 or over. That figure is predicted to zoom to 53 million over the next 50 years; the number of people reaching 75 may quintuple in that same period. Five years ago, a Mayo Clinic survey reported that 75,000 hip replacements were performed each year, at an average cost of nearly \$6,000 each. Add some 40,000 knee replacements, a similar number of other serious joint operations, multiply the total by the



projected growth of America's senior population and the magnitude of the problem is not hard to see.

"If we aren't able to reverse the current trend," said Beals, "I visualize replacement surgery as a \$5 billion industry in its own right by 2000. The insurance costs will be staggering."

The human costs will be far worse, for treatment of osteoporosis, once the disorder manifests itself in the form of fractures, leaves much to be desired. Surgery, the traditional treatment, may prove immediately fatal or may complicate the underlying cardiac conditions common among the age group most affected by the disease. While the damaged joint itself might be responsive to surgery, most of the secondary effects of the initial fracture

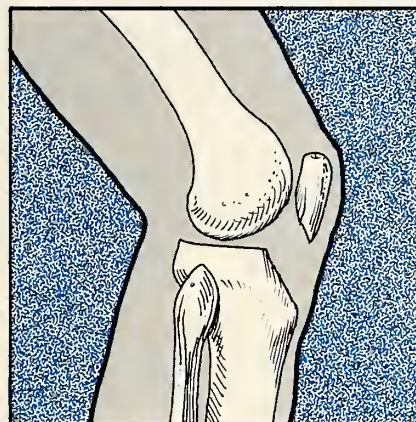
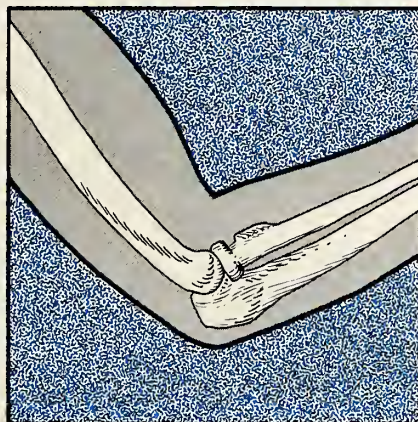
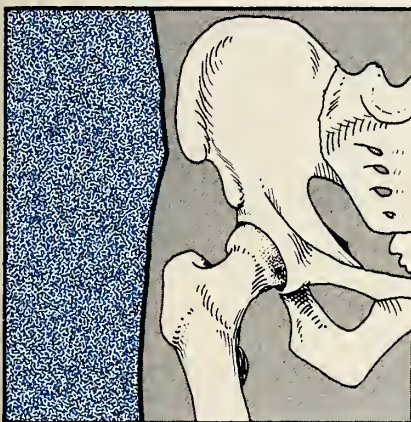
one therapy have an almost phenomenally small incidence of osteoporotic symptoms and complications.

A widely quoted inquiry published in 1975 by the research team of Burch, Byrd and Vaughn showed *not a single* fracture among 14,000 HRT patients monitored. In addition, since hormones evidently stimulate bone tissue to take the calcium it requires from both the intestines and plaque deposits in arterial walls, those who have participated in studies have enjoyed a reduced rate of heart disease.

In fact, in a Duke University program involving 600 participants (half on hormones, half on a placebo), the 300 receiving hormones experienced less heart disease, lowered blood pressure, fewer digestive problems, fewer

persistent low back pain—are often attributed to other ailments, or worse still, to hypochondria. Now and then, an individual will seek medical evaluation of the stiffness and hunched appearance that has been plaguing his back, yet by the time this characteristic "dowager's hump" becomes noticeable, the spine has suffered so much trauma that neither HRT nor surgery can accomplish very much.

Modern technology has produced a number of diagnostic aids that employ radioactive isotopes or sophisticated machinery, but while these state-of-the-art methods are capable of providing early warnings, the problem is that the typical physical examination rarely includes such innova-



*Osteoporosis exerts a negative effect on almost all bones of the body and on all major joints, especially the hip. Falls resulting from hip fractures caused by osteoporosis can further damage already weakened bones and joints elsewhere, particularly in the elbow or the knee. Over 50,000 people die every year as a direct result of osteoporosis.*

are not surgically reversible.

Beals offered a particularly graphic illustration involving an elderly woman who, in a single year, was repeatedly admitted to the same hospital with 12 separate fractures of the spine, a cracked pelvis and a broken hip. The surgery performed on her was technically successful, but the woman had severe pain throughout her lengthy recovery. She became confused and disoriented and had to be confined to a convalescent home, where she died two months later.

Drs. Beals and Riggs are among dozens of leading authorities who view these cases as needless tragedies in light of mounting evidence that the disease can be short-circuited by a technique known as Hormonal Replacement Therapy. The precise manner in which hormones act on bone tissue is unclear, but tests demonstrate that post-menopausal women placed on balanced estrogen-and-progester-

subjective symptoms such as anxiety and fatigue and a better sex life. They also developed no cancers, thus quelling some of the original reservations about the suspected carcinogenic potential of HRT.

Lately, even those with lingering doubts about hormonal therapy have rallied to its defense. An article last summer in the normally conservative *Family Practice News* conceded that senior citizens are far more likely to die from osteoporotic complications than from any of the adverse effects sometimes attributed to HRT.

The news is not quite as encouraging as it may sound. Far too often, diagnosis does not occur in time to prevent that first, all-important fracture. Standard X-rays fail to reveal the presence of osteoporosis until 40 percent of the bone mass is missing, said Dr. Riggs. Significant early symptoms—a vague sense of discomfort,

tive tests. Nor, in the absence of fractures or other positive physical evidence, is the average family physician inclined to think of them. So the osteoporosis sufferer is faced with a peculiar "Catch-22" situation: He is unlikely to be exposed to medical science's most advanced tools of "early diagnosis" until after that diagnosis has become painfully obvious to everyone.

"The individual is almost in the position of having to come up with his own preliminary diagnosis," said Beals, who added that, under the circumstances, that may well be the safest course to follow. "Consciousness of osteoporosis is still abysmally low, even among highly skilled medical practitioners. A person, particularly in a high-risk group, should be aware of what he's feeling, and shouldn't be timid about letting his doctor in on his suspicions.

"You've got to be your own best friend, because osteoporosis is absolutely your worst enemy." □





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### No Culture

A teacher took a group of school children to the museum, where they were shown a 17th Century French drawing room, correct in every detail. Later, the teacher said to them, "Think carefully and tell me what impressed you most."

One little girl said disapprovingly, "It didn't have television!"

—Kenneth E. Hall

### Wrong Result

First girl: "I know a lady who went on a coconut and banana diet."

Second girl: "How'd she do?"

First girl: "She didn't lose a pound, but she can sure climb trees!"

—Joan Smith

### No Escape

A mother told her young daughter, "We're going to move to a nice big house, because I'm going to have another baby."

The child thought a minute and then shook her head. "Won't do any good," she said. "The baby'll just follow us there, too."

—V. X. Agamen

### Tripped Up

Those travel brochure people  
Smiling from every rack,  
When do they ever find the time  
To make their plans and pack?

—Roger R. Barton

### Figure of Speech

"Dad, you got me in trouble at school today," Tommy said.

"How come?" asked the father.

"Remember when I asked how much a million dollars was and you told me? Well, 'a helluva lot' is not the answer."

—A. H. Berzen

### Same Old Deal

The farmer told the evangelist he had "got religion."

"That's fine," said the preacher, "but are you sure you're going to put aside all sin?"

"Yes, sir," said the farmer, "I'm through with sin."

"And are you going to pay up all your debts?" asked the preacher.

"Now wait a minute," said the farmer. "You ain't talking religion now; you're talking business."

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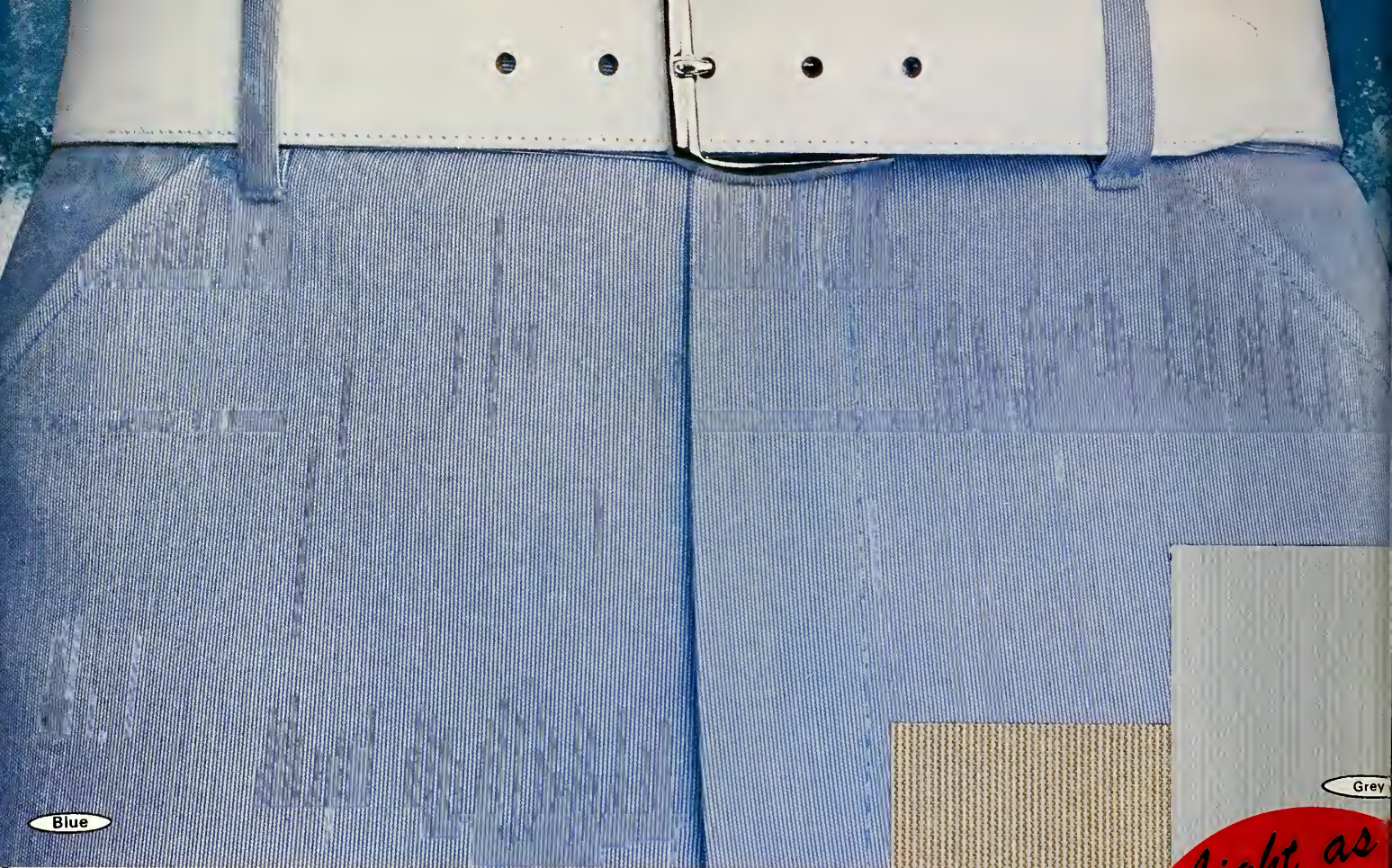
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